



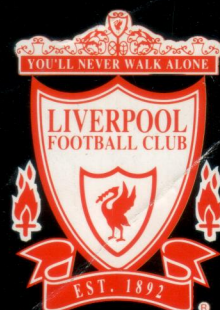
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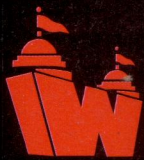
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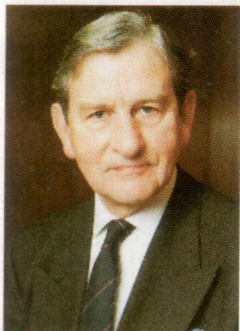
Coca-Cola Cup Final



Today's Chief Guest
Sir Stanley Matthews C.B.E.



Mr Gavin Darby - President
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Mr Gordon McKeag - President
of The Football League



Mr David Dent - Secretary
of The Football League

TIMETABLE

3.00pm - 3.30pm

Coca-Cola Roadshow with Steve Kemsley and Jon Hammond

3.30pm - 4.10pm

Selection of Music by the Band of the Welsh Guards under the direction of

Major S.A. Watts LRAM psm

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the Regimental Colonel."**

4.10pm - 4.50pm

Coca-Cola Roadshow with Steve Kemsley and Jon Hammond

4.50pm

**Presentation of the Teams and Match Officials to
Sir Stanley Matthews CBE, Chief Guest,
Mr Gordon McKeag (President, The Football League),
Mr Gavin Darby (President, Coca-Cola Northwest Europe),
Mr David Dent (Secretary, The Football League).**

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5.00pm

Kick-Off

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Half-Time: Marching display by the Band

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Second Half

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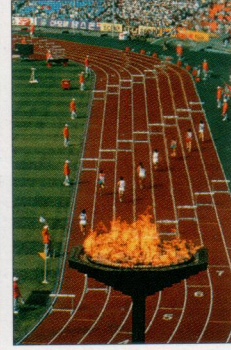
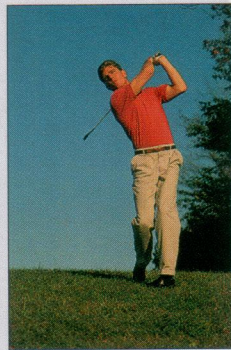
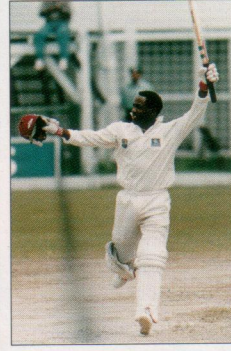
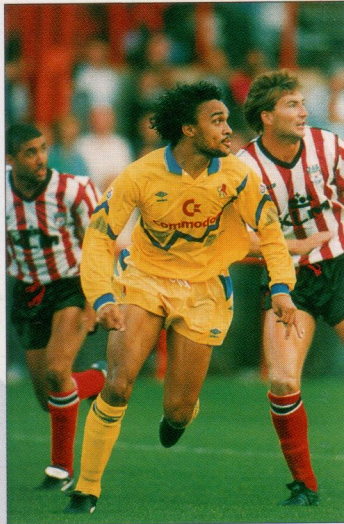
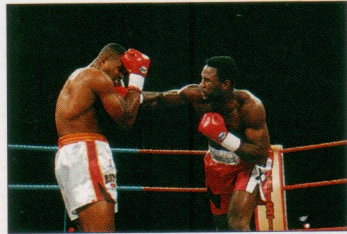
**End of Match: Presentation of the Coca-Cola Cup and Medals by
Sir Stanley Matthews CBE, followed by the presentation of the
Alan Hardaker Trophy for the Man of the Match by
Miss Carol Wilkinson, grand-daughter of the late Alan Hardaker OBE.**

**Note: Should the scores be level at the end of 90 minutes an extra half-hour will be played. If the
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Mr Gordon McKeag

President of the Football League



A capacity crowd in the world's most famous footballing Arena, an overseas television audience in some thirty different countries and a coveted place in next season's UEFA Cup competition are just some of the ingredients of this afternoon's Coca-Cola Cup Final between Bolton Wanderers and Liverpool.

The Coca-Cola Cup remains very much 'The People's Final' and in keeping with Football League tradition, the vast majority of the tickets for today's match have gone directly to the two competing clubs, providing the opportunity for many of their loyal supporters to enjoy a day out at Wembley.

The League Cup was introduced in 1960, since then it has grown in stature to become one of the major events of the footballing calendar, involving every professional club in the country and enjoying the backing of the fans themselves. Indeed, this afternoon's game will take the total attendance in this season's competition beyond the 1.5 million mark, providing a very real testimony to the League Cup's enduring attraction.

What an intriguing contest we have in prospect. Liverpool, making a record seventh League Cup Final appearance this afternoon, face a Bolton Wanderers side making their first. After several, by their own standards, quiet seasons, the Anfield club are again challenging for the honours under the stewardship of manager Roy Evans. And Bolton, under the astute guidance of Bruce Rioch, are enjoying both cup and league success with a side boasting some of the brightest young players in the Football League.

Together with the prestige of reaching today's game, the financial rewards for clubs are considerable. By virtue of Coca-Cola's sponsorship, the winners will receive a cheque for £100,000 with the runners-up taking £50,000. In addition, gate receipts are substantial. Last year's final generated over £2.5 million, enabling competing teams to bank over £600,000 each.

There is another major incentive for the finalists. Winning the Coca-Cola Cup opens the door to European involvement, with the holders qualifying for next season's UEFA Cup.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our sponsors Coca-Cola to today's showpiece final and to thank them for their backing of the competition. It is an association that I am sure has been of tremendous benefit to both The Football League and Coca-Cola, and I look forward to continuing our close relationship in the future.

It only remains for me to say that, however far you may have travelled to watch today's Coca-Cola Cup Final, I hope on behalf of The Football League that you all enjoy the occasion.

Coca-Cola



Young Bolton supporters celebrate a semi-final victory over Swindon



Simon Coleman gets to grips with Swindon's Jan Fjortoft

The meeting of Liverpool and Bolton Wanderers this afternoon represents the climax to a competition which started way back last August and which has involved well over 100 matches between clubs as far afield as Carlisle and Exeter.

It might therefore be considered somewhat ironical that in the end Wembley should be staging a game between two teams from the same region and separated by a short stretch of North West motorway.

For Bolton Wanderers this is a first in the Coca-Cola Cup for despite some memorable appearances in previous Wembley matches and not least the very first F.A. Cup Final at

this famous old ground, it is a long time since they trod the hallowed turf in such a prestigious match.

Those with longer memories will recall the post-Munich match when Nat Lofthouse led Wanderers to victory over a regrouping Manchester United with two goals, one disputed for a barge on goalkeeper Harry Gregg.

And who could forget their participation in the famous Matthews Final of 1953 when Blackpool came from behind to win the cup in a thrilling and dramatic match.

Those were the times when Bolton, in fact, were a bigger football name than Liverpool before Bill Shankley began his Anfield revolution and before Wembley became almost a second home to a succession of

memorable Liverpool teams.

However, with the transition between the management styles of Graeme Souness and Roy Evans, Liverpool have been conspicuously absent from big Wembley occasions. Their last visit there was three years ago when they beat Sunderland in the F.A. Cup.

Anyone this afternoon believing this final to be anything other than a test of Liverpool's re-emerging confidence need only refer to the recent Cup meetings between the side which left Liverpool the side with red faces.

The Coca-Cola Cup has had its share of critics but let nobody be under any illusion that it is not considered to be of some importance to those participating in today's finale for the trophy still

carries with it the prestigious place in the UEFA Cup next season.

And it carries with it the intrigue of seeing Ian Rush go for the second record of 49 goals in this competition set by West Ham's 1966 World Cup hero Geoff Hurst. Two today would carry him to it.

However, it has been Rush's new striking partner Robbie Fowler who has been the real Liverpool inspiration in this season's Coca-Cola Cup and he carries into today's final the remarkable record of having scored ten goals in 12 ties this season.

The opportunity to see Fowler grace a stage he is destined to perform on many times is one of the intriguing cameos of this



Cup '94-'95

Jamie Redknapp shoots at the Palace goal



Young Liverpool fans celebrate

afternoon's meeting and no-one doubts that will be closely monitored by England manager Terry Venables.

It was Fowler, of course, who negotiated Liverpool beyond the semi-final hurdle of Crystal Palace, whose own chances of reaching the big day perhaps evaporated in the first leg of the semi at Anfield on February 9th.

Palace had battled courageously to hold Liverpool for the 90 minutes of the match, only for the young Fowler to deliver the hammer blow of a goal in the second minute of injury time after what had been a strangely frantic Liverpool performance.

Ironically, too, for Palace it was a mis-hit shot by the Liverpool teenager that counted and it was a philosophical Alan

Smith, the Palace manager, who commented wryly, "I got the game plan right for 90 minutes but I forgot to add on two minutes of injury time."

Still the fates conspired against Palace for the second leg because when Liverpool would have had Ruddock suspended, the game had to be postponed because of the weather and when it was played Palace had the scandal surrounding Chris Armstrong disrupting their preparations.

Somehow that night the march of Liverpool on Wembley seemed inevitable and when Fowler scored in the 24th minute their record seventh appearance in the final of this competition was assured and Fowler's own reputation further enhanced.

The Liverpool star that night however was not so much Fowler as the man who laid on his goal, Steve McManaman another of the young Liverpool trio (Jamie Redknapp being the third) who can look forward to a glittering football future.

Yes it is ironical that it was the other semi-final between the less fashionable First Division clubs of Swindon and Bolton that really provided the more dramatic events.

In the first leg at Swindon, manager Steve McMahon had to be restrained by his own players as he remonstrated with Bolton's John McGinlay over an incident which led to the sending-off of Swindon's Mark Robinson.

It was an unfortunate scar on what had been an exhilarating

game for a crowd of 15,341 for Bolton had taken a 10th minute lead through Alan Stubbs but Swindon made the most spirited of come-backs with Peter Thorne, bought from Blackburn for £200,000 scoring both the goals.

Back at Burnden Park on March 8th it seemed that nothing would stop Swindon being represented today when their Norwegian International Jan Aage Fjortoft gave them the lead in the 57th minute after a goalless first half.

That gave Swindon what looked like an unassailable 3-1 advantage but in a remarkable final half hour to a game which had 19,851 fans chewing their nails, Wanderers summoned all their old cup traditions to triumph.

First Jason McAteer

Palace's Richard Shaw tries to escape from Liverpool's Neil Ruddock



offered a shaft of light in the 64th minute, the Mixu Paatelaine made it 3-3 on aggregate and in the most sensational of conclusions to the tie it was McGinlay who scored the decisive goal with two minutes remaining.

That come-back alone should alert Liverpool to the potential dangers today but a glance at the earlier rounds should be enough to remind them of exactly what potential pitfalls there are in today's match.

When they defeated Norwich City at Burnden Park in the fifth round, courtesy of a goal from their man of the match, David Lee, it meant that they had lost only one of nine cup ties against Premiership opposition in a 12 month period.

Liverpool, meanwhile

had been disposing of the potential danger of Arsenal, a crowd of 36,026 cramming into Anfield for a match decided by an Ian Rush goal in the 59th minute which was a triumph of thinking for the Boot Room.

"We are always trying out new ideas for free-kicks," Rush revealed after he had won the game and scored his sixth goal in the season's competition. "And we had been rehearsing that one in training the morning of the game."

That goal was number 47 for Rush though he refuses to even contemplate breaking the record until after it has been achieved. "It would be lovely to do it in the final but if I think along those lines it won't happen."

The fourth round had provided

even more of a shock from Bolton for few gave them much of a chance when they were drawn away from home at West Ham despite the London club's perpetual struggle against relegation in the Premiership.

Again it was the aforementioned McGinlay, whose name seemed to be linked with Bolton's Cup exploits, who inflicted the serious damage with a goal in the 16th minute and a penalty in the 76th with an own goal from Adrian Whitbread as the Hammers tumbled 3-1.

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, was honest enough to admit, "Bolton looked like the stronger side almost from the start and I can't remember how long it is since I was on the end of a result like that."

Rush, meanwhile, was at Ewood Park disposing of Blackburn Rovers in a style reminiscent of his own glory days a hat-trick of nicely spaced goals in the 19th, 57th and 73rd minutes accounting for potential Premiership champions.

The third round had been conspicuous for two scorelines in particular Notts County sweeping Tottenham out with a crushing 3-0 margin, that was a result to hasten the end of Ossie Ardiles, and Newcastle's home victory against Manchester United.

Alex Ferguson had caused some controversy by placing some of his emerging young players in the Coca-Cola Cup because of his heavy commitments in the European Cup and The Football League





David Lee of Bolton Wanderers presents a Coca-Cola Big Red Bag to Coupe Green County Primary (Houghton) Preston



(Above) Neil Ruddock presents a Coca-Cola Big Red Bag to local schoolchildren

sensibly saw the reasoning for it.

Those youngsters (most of whom would subsequently play in the Premiership) had performed very impressively to remove Port Vale but at Newcastle they could only hold out until the 82nd minute when goals from Phillipe Albert and Paul Kitson saw them off.

Meanwhile at this third round stage Rush was scoring a couple at Anfield to account for Stoke City, while Bolton were winning away from home at Sheffield United, itself a feat of some merit.

Their confidence had doubtless been boosted by not one but two victories over Ipswich Town in the second round

and a 4-0 aggregate that had already indicated that the big boys offered them no threat.

"We don't look on those results against the Premier League sides this season as cup giant-killing performances but as winning games of football and this is the attitude we will take into the final," says manager Bruce Rioch.

Nobody in today's crowd should ignore Bolton's wonderful achievement in reaching the final before deciding where to place their money.

By Steve Curry
Chief Soccer Writer, Daily Express



Head to Head - Steve McManaman and John Scales

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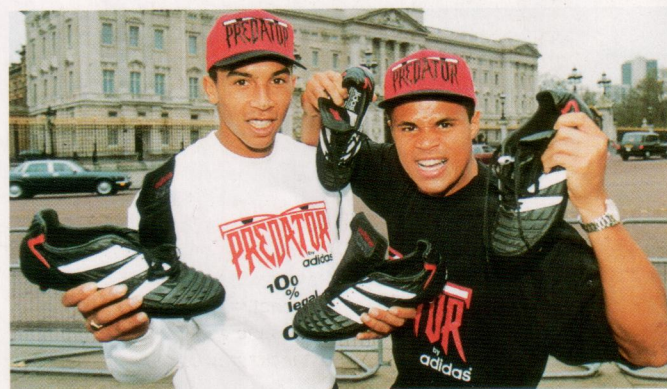
Since that day nearly five years ago, an enormous amount of time, money, expertise and energy has been invested to bring about the adidas PREDATOR soccer shoe. Once again, adidas, the world's number one soccer brand has pushed back the boundaries of soccer footwear technology just as they did when Adi Dassler, the founder of the company developed the first ever screw in studs and again, when he 'invented' the moulded soccer shoe.

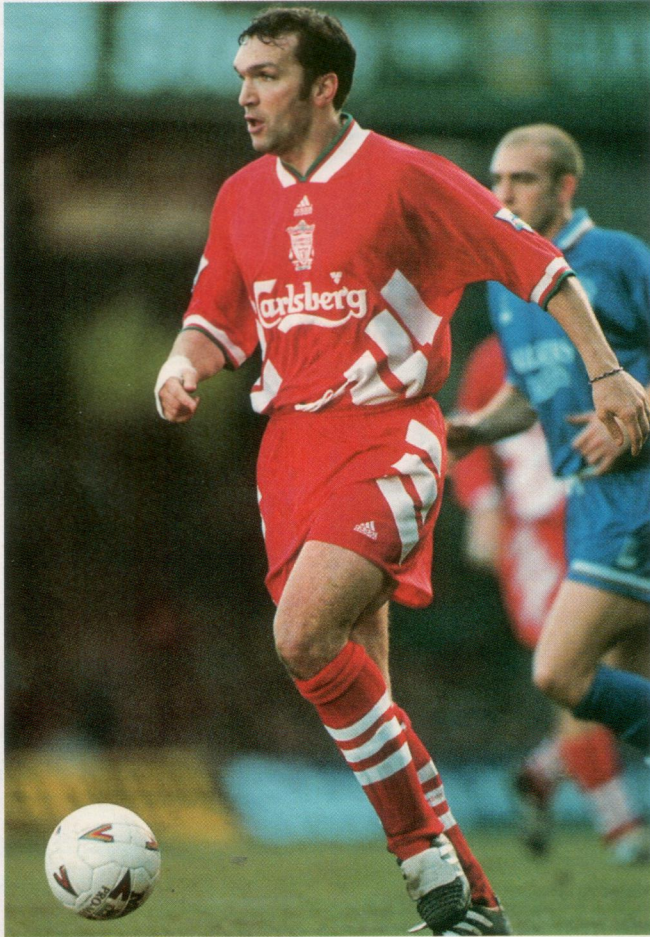
The motto for the design unit at adidas is to "listen, modify and test" and to help them in this work they enrol the thoughts of some of the world's top players. Already this research to develop the PREDATOR has involved Franz Beckenbauer, Ronald Koeman, Abedi Pele, Fernando Redondo and Karl Heinz-Rummenigge amongst others.

Following its successful launch in the UK the likes of Paul Ince, Graham Le Saux, Warren Barton, Chris Armstrong, John Salako and John Collins have helped test and give their thoughts on the boot.

Predator Testing

Players of all levels are trying the boot for themselves before making up their own minds on the benefits of the boot's rubber technology with testing taking place all over Great Britain. adidas believe that players, particularly youngsters should make decisions based on using the boots to check for themselves the extra power, accuracy and swerve they can produce.





Many of the players in today's game have not only tested the Predator, but have subsequently made up their minds to wear the boot in match action. At Liverpool, a club sponsored by adidas, Neil Ruddock and Jamie Redknapp have worked for some time with the adidas technical team and were both delighted with the benefits given to their game by the boots. Jamie has scored some memorable goals this year since switching to Predator notably against Manchester United only two weeks ago.

More recently, Jason McAteer and Alan Stubbs of Bolton chose to wear the Predator and this has resulted in several more players at the club choosing to switch to the new technology offered by the Predator boots.



Alan Thompson and David Lee will be looking to see improvement in their crossing while Jason McAteer and Richard Sneekes will look for extra power in their shooting and more accuracy in their passes. Alan Stubbs, renowned for his powerful free kicks, will also be looking to a threat at set pieces around the box.

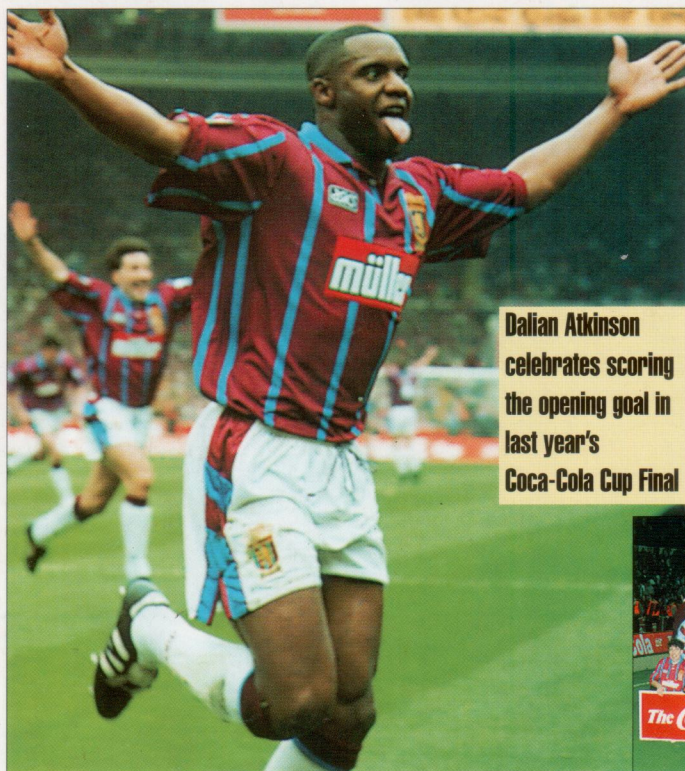
Today's final at Wembley is not however the first time the

Predator has appeared on the famous green turf, Eddie Newton of Chelsea wore the boots in last year's F.A.Cup Final and the England Schoolboys team, wearing adidas from head to toe, wore Predators as they defeated Brazil 1-0 earlier this month.



All the National schoolboys teams of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales are wearing adidas kits with Predator boots. Looking at the increased number of goals in this year's Victory Shield (Under 15) International Programme the boots have been working. With Scotland beating Wales schoolboys 7-3 in the last game, the hopes of adidas to make soccer more skillful and exciting seem to be taking shape. With high scoring games becoming more frequent it looks as though Predator will be the shape of things to come. adidas wish both sets of players wearing Predator today the very best of luck and hope for a glut of goals to feed the hungry appetite of Predator.

All the Finals



Dalian Atkinson celebrates scoring the opening goal in last year's Coca-Cola Cup Final



Summary of Winners

4: Liverpool; Nottingham Forest; Aston Villa. 2: Arsenal; Manchester City; Norwich City; Tottenham Hotspur; Wolverhampton Wanderers. 1: Birmingham City; Chelsea; Leeds United; Leicester City; Luton Town; Manchester United; Oxford United; Queens Park Rangers; Sheffield Wednesday; Stoke City; Swindon Town; West Bromwich Albion.

Appearances in Final

7: Liverpool. 6: Aston Villa. Nottingham Forest. 5: Arsenal; 4: Norwich City. Manchester United; 3: Manchester City; Tottenham Hotspur; W.B.A. 2: Chelsea; Everton; Leicester City; Luton Town; Q.P.R.; Sheffield Wednesday; Stoke City; West Ham United; Wolverhampton Wanderers. 1: Birmingham City; Bolton Wanderers; Leeds United; Newcastle United; Oldham Athletic; Oxford United; Rochdale; Rotherham United; Southampton; Sunderland; Swindon Town.

Aston Villa last year's Coca-Cola Cup winners after their 3-1 victory over Manchester United

The Finals of this competition were played over two legs until 1967. All subsequent Finals were played at Wembley Stadium with any replay venue as shown.

- 1961** Rotherham United 2 Aston Villa 0 Aston Villa 3 Rotherham United 0
(After extra-time Aston Villa won 3-2 on aggregate)
- 1962** Rochdale 0 Norwich City 3 Norwich City 1 Rochdale 0
(Norwich City won 4-0 on aggregate)
- 1963** Birmingham City 3 Aston Villa 1 Aston Villa 0 Birmingham City 0
(Birmingham City won 3-1 on aggregate)
- 1964** Stoke City 1 Leicester City 1 Leicester City 3 Stoke City 2
(Leicester City won 4-3 on aggregate)
- 1965** Chelsea 3 Leicester City 2 Leicester City 0 Chelsea 0
(Chelsea won 3-2 on aggregate)
- 1966** West Ham United 2 W.B.A. 1 W.B.A. 4 West Ham United 1
(W.B.A. won 5-3 on aggregate)
- 1967** Q.P.R. 3 W.B.A. 2
- 1968** Leeds United 1 Arsenal 0
- 1969** Swindon Town 3 Arsenal 1 (After extra time)
- 1970** Manchester City 2 W.B.A. 1 (After extra time)
- 1971** Tottenham Hotspur 2 Aston Villa 0
- 1972** Stoke City 2 Chelsea 1
- 1973** Tottenham Hotspur 1 Norwich City 0
- 1974** Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 Manchester City 1
- 1975** Aston Villa 1 Norwich 0
- 1976** Manchester City 2 Newcastle United 1
- 1977** Aston Villa 0 Everton 0
(After extra time 1st replay at Hillsborough)

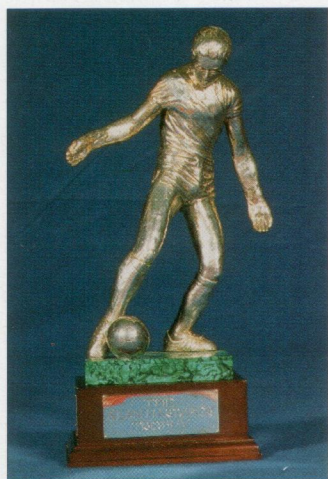
- Aston Villa 1 Everton 1
(After extra time 2nd replay at Old Trafford)
- Aston Villa 3 Everton 2
- 1978** Nottingham Forest 0 Liverpool 0
(After extra time replay at Old Trafford)
- Nottingham Forest 1 Liverpool 0
- 1979** Nottingham Forest 3 Southampton 2
- 1980** Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Nottingham Forest 0
- 1981** Liverpool 1 West Ham United 1
(After extra time replay at Villa Park)
- Liverpool 2 West Ham United 1
- 1982** Liverpool 3 Tottenham Hotspur 1 (After extra time)
- 1983** Liverpool 1 Manchester United 1
- 1984** Liverpool 0 Everton 0
(After extra time replay at Maine Road)
- Liverpool 1 Everton 0
- 1985** Norwich City 1 Sunderland 0
- 1986** Oxford United 3 Q.P.R. 0
- 1987** Arsenal 2 Liverpool 1
- 1988** Luton Town 3 Arsenal 2
- 1989** Nottingham Forest 3 Luton Town 1
- 1990** Nottingham Forest 1 Oldham Athletic 0
- 1991** Sheffield Wednesday 1 Manchester United 0
- 1992** Manchester United 1 Nottingham Forest 0
- 1993** Arsenal 2 Sheffield Wednesday 1
- 1994** Aston Villa 3 Manchester United 1



The Alan Hardaker Trophy Man of the Match Award

The Football League are proud to present "The Alan Hardaker Trophy" to today's Man of the Match. Introduced five years ago, this annual award is named in recognition of the late League Secretary, Alan Hardaker, who first proposed the introduction of the League Cup in 1960.

This afternoon's Man of the Match will be selected by leading journalists in conjunction with The Football League and has been won in the past by some of the games most illustrious figures.



The League Cup was originally introduced in 1960 and while some called it 'Hardakers's baby' the competition's critics referred to it less warmly as 'Hardaker's folly'. Hardaker himself later wrote: "I doubt if any football competition in the world can look back on a more difficult and painful birth than the League Cup."

Today the competition celebrates its 29th Wembley Final before another huge crowd. After more humble beginnings, the League Cup is now an integral part of the football calendar, involving every professional club in the country and attracting spectator

interest from the fans of big and small clubs alike.

The trophy itself was cast by the English sculptor Ian Thomas. Standing fifteen inches tall, the sculpture is a loaded bronze on solid copper shell that has been heavily silver plated with one hundred year plate. The figure stands on a finest quality malachite base, cut and polished in England.

Appropriately enough, the Alan Hardaker Trophy will be presented to today's Man of the Match by Miss Carol Wilkinson, granddaughter of the late Alan Hardaker OBE.



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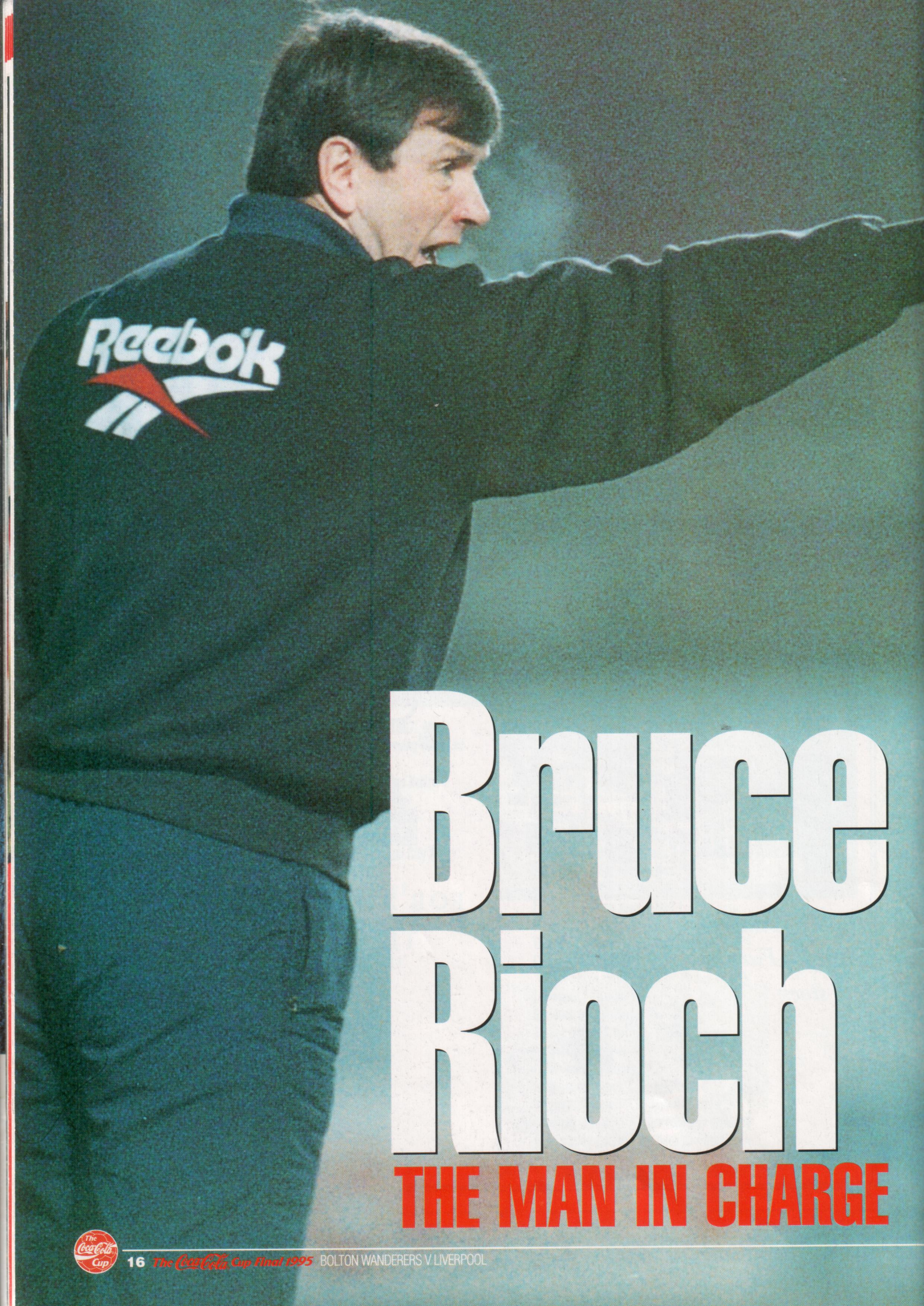
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Bruce Rioch

THE MAN IN CHARGE



As soon as he strides out onto the pitch, ahead of Bolton Wanderers this afternoon Bruce Rioch will know he's back at Wembley. The former Aston Villa and Scotland star has happy memories of his appearances here for club and country and says: "It is a beautiful place to play a game once you are inside."

"It is such a great thrill to come out of the tunnel. That is special. In the dressing room you only get a brief idea of what is going on outside, in terms of the noise. It is only when you exit the tunnel that it really hits you. It comes right off that bottom end. It is tremendous. Goose bumps, absolutely."

So will the canny Scot get "goose bumps" as a manager?

"Well I will enjoy it. I know I will enjoy it here more first time as a manager than I did first time as a player. I am obviously involved in a different way and of course have an idea of what it is all about."

"Wembley is a tradition. You can play football in Africa, Asia, in the American continents and they will all talk to you about Wembley, Wembley, Wembley. It is special the world over."

Bruce first experienced the magic of Wembley in 1971, when he played here for Aston Villa in the Football League Cup Final, though his younger brother Neil, had been a ball boy at the 1966 World Cup Final. He recalls: "We played quite well on the day against Tottenham Hotspur, but Chivers was the player in form and he scored twice for them."

Villa had won through to the final (3-2 on aggregate) after two thrilling semi-final encounters with a Best, Law and Charlton inspired Manchester United, but how different was it playing at Wembley? Is it special because of the occasion and the hype that surrounds it?

"I think it is the newness of the trip to Wembley that initially makes the difference. The newness of it, meaning you don't know what to expect. You have many thoughts and ideas on what it might be like, but when you actually get there it is something different."

"We were advised by players who had been there in the past, not to let the day go by. There is a tendency for the experience to flash by so quickly. From coming out of the tunnel and going back down it at the end of the match, can be the quickest ninety minutes of your

life. This is the case on the first occasion. As you go back a bit more often, you are able to enjoy the occasion better."

"Wembley is famous. It has great tradition. Nearly every player in the world has an urge to play there. I think the surroundings can sometimes affect some teams who feel they have to play slightly differently at Wembley, because of the surface and the space that there is between the pitch and the spectators, which tends to make the pitch feel bigger."

"I have been with teams that have played there the way we always played with Villa, Derby County and Scotland. But we were all passing teams and there is no doubt Wembley is made for them."

"Playing here for Scotland was like a home match. That is a good description. I didn't enjoy the first occasion because we lost 5-1. I quickly forgot that game. But two years later we beat England 2-1 and that was a tremendous feeling."

"But whatever the game, Cup Final, International or Charity Shield, as it was when I played for Derby against West Ham, Wembley is a very special occasion and a unique environment to play in. I would think that all the players who have played here, have at some stage in their lives, dreamed of doing so. And while they are actually playing on that wonderful green grass, there are many kids around watching, who one day will be living out their dreams in future Finals here."

Today, Bruce makes it for the first time as a manager though it should be his second appearance, having steered Middlesbrough to their first ever Wembley final in 1990.

"It was hard getting them there," reflects Bruce. "We had to beat Villa in two legs in the semi-final. We were the only team to beat them twice this season, but unfortunately our League form was not so good, and I lost my position at the club some ten days before the final. Tony Mowbray, the team captain, led the team out."

"If you can put your life in perspective and be honest, yes, feel disappointed, but look more at the moments that brought you great enjoyment. There are far more happy memories than bad."

This afternoon emphasises this point as Bruce goes down in history as the manager who led Bolton Wanderers out for their first major final since 1958.

Colin Benson

The Man In Charge

Bruce Rioch is once again emphasising his undoubted managerial skills as he hones Bolton into one of the best cup fighting sides in the country.

The son of a regimental sergeant major, Bruce has always been a strong disciplinarian, and his team are well organised and drilled on set piece routines.

Born in Aldershot, in September 1947, he emerged as a very competitive and talented player and served an apprenticeship with Luton Town. He developed into an outstanding wing-half who could win the ball, pass it, dribble with it and shoot. Indeed, Bruce scored 47 goals in 149 League games for the Hatters, and he was in their Fourth Division Championship side of 1968.

In July 1969 Aston Villa snapped him up and Bruce did not let them down, scoring 34 goals in 154 League games in the claret and blue. Collected a runners-up trophy in the League Cup in 1971 (against Spurs).

Derby County was the next port of call and another 34 goals in 106 League games - as he helped the Rams win the League title - was followed by 3 in 30 for Everton (1976-77): 4 in 41 for Derby again (1977-79): and 6 in 71 League outings with Torquay United (1980-83).

Bruce also played on loan for Birmingham City and Sheffield United as well as in the USA with Seattle Sounders. He won 24 caps for Scotland being in their 1978 World Cup Finals squad.

Began his managerial career

with Torquay, where he took over as player-manager in 1980, and in February 1985 was installed as manager of Middlesbrough. Led them from Division Three to Division One with successive promotions in 1987 and 1988.

Took charge of Millwall in May 1990 after being axed by 'Boro just two weeks before the Ayresome Park club were to appear in their first ever Wembley final in the ZDS Cup. Was sacked by Millwall and took over at Bolton in May 1992.

In his first season at Burnden Park, Mr Rioch led the Wanderers to promotion from Division Two and in 1994 guided them to the sixth round of the F.A. Cup, the club's best performance in that competition since 1959. And this season of course they are into the Final of the Coca-Cola Cup!

Super Mac

JASON McATEER



The rise and rise of Bolton wonderboy Jason McAteer is right out of a Boys Own Manual. In little over a year, the midfielder player has risen from the bread and butter world of the Second Division to the caviar world of international stardom.

And this afternoon's excursion to Wembley to contest

one of the major trophies in the domestic calendar, is just the icing on top of what has been an extraordinary and exciting chapter in a romantic tale of achievement and success.

McAteer's incredible journey began in the USA. Having seemingly slipped the English club nets trawling for young talent, his famous boxing uncles, Les and Pat McAteer, flew him out to Chicago where he was offered a soccer

scholarship at a local college.

That could have been that but after three months he was forced to return to England to arrange for a further visa for his continued education in the States. In the meantime he kept himself fit and sharp by turning out for non-league Marine reserves and while playing for them he was spotted by Bolton Wanderers.

"I couldn't believe it when I received a 'phone call from Phil Neal," says Jason. "He invited me over to Bolton for a trial and I didn't need asking twice. It went quite well, in fact, and four days later they asked me to sign."

"It is funny how these things happen. If my visa had not run out I would probably be playing football in America right now. The fact that it did expire and that I was lucky enough to have been spotted playing in one of the few games I played for Marine changed my whole life really."

At Burnden Park, Jason learned the 'nuts and bolts' of professional football as a regular in the 'stiffs' until February 1993, when he was given the opportunity to claim a first-team shirt. He did well and showed enough promise to warrant the Bolton management persevering with his selection.

McAteer had made his Football League debut the previous November, at the age of 21, and his rise to the top was absolutely meteoric after that. No one could have envisaged the progress he would make, for by the end of his first full season, he was not only being hailed as a Bolton Wanderers star, but was also participating in the World Cup Finals in the USA!

A strong running player, whose courage matches his dynamic effort, he tackles firmly, is a good passer of the ball, and shoots with power and deadly accuracy. In short, he possesses everything required of a top class midfielder.

And surprisingly, rumours abounded linking him with teams up and down the country. Mac was being talked about in terms of being a £3 million player, the sort of compliment that could go to any young man's head. But not Jason, born and bred in the reality that is Birkenhead he knows that he must keep his boots firmly on the turf if he is to enjoy the true values of life as a professional footballer.

There is always the steadying influence of manager Bruce Rioch on hand should he be tempted to any false claims of grandeur about his ability. But displaying a true Scouser's appreciation of the situation McAteer simply laughs: "I

just think somebody up there likes me."

Certainly, the prospect of playing in his first major Wembley Cup Final and against Premiership opposition does not dent his confidence one iota. After playing for the Republic of Ireland against the favourites Italy in the Giant's stadium, New Jersey, in last summer's World Cup Finals Wembley and the Coca-Cola Cup Final hold few fears.

"At least it will not be so humid and hot here," suggests Jason with a sense of relief. That apart, he was surprised to find that the competition at the highest international level was not quite as demanding as he had anticipated.

He says: "My international experience was very limited and I think I expected a lot more from the Italians. Actually it was not much different from playing Notts County on a wet Saturday afternoon."

"I had seen those players on television and they looked incredible so I was a little nervous going into the game. But once I had touched the ball they just became eleven opponents, the same as any other team we play."

"In the opening minute I held off a challenge from behind and won a free kick. When I turned round and realised it was Baggio, I thought 'flippin heck,' if he's worth £12 million I must be worth £13 million!"

It is just over a year ago since Jason was offered the chance to represent England in a 'B' international. But within hours of the announcement of his inclusion in the squad, Jack Charlton was pounding on McAteer's door to try and persuade him to throw his lot in with the Irish.

Born in Birkenhead, the son of an Irish father and a Welsh mum, Mac could virtually take his pick, but he says: "I thought the personal intervention by Jack Charlton was a nice touch. He made me feel wanted without promising me anything."

"He didn't even mention the World Cup. He just said, 'you're Irish and I want you.' That was good enough for me."

Jason made his international debut against Russia at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, in March 1994. Two months later he was on his way again to the USA only this time as a fully qualified international player.

No wonder the 23 year-old is "over the moon". He says: "I have to pinch myself every morning to make sure I'm not dreaming."

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1958 F.A. Cup Final - Nat Lofthouse collects the trophy after the 2-0 victory over Manchester United



Nat Lofthouse could never afford to be sentimental as a player. But the man who is Bolton Wanderers FC to many people will have to fight back the tears today when his beloved Wanderers run out at Wembley for the first time in a major final for 37 years.

"It's going to be a special day visiting the Mecca of football again," says the Grand Old Man of Burnden Park.

"I'm watching the game with seven of my team-mates from the '58 Cup Final squad. It's going to bring back many, many happy memories."

Lofthouse walked into Burnden Park as a raw 14-year-old in 1939. And has remained there since as player, scout,

coach, manager and now club President.

Along the way he became the most feared centre-forward of his generation, known as 'The Lion of Vienna' after one particularly stirring performance for England against Austria.

He had to be hard at times. Circumstances meant that when he played two F.A. Cup Finals for Bolton, the country was willing them to lose.

It gives him particular pleasure that Bruce Rioch's modern-day stars will have the support of the neutrals when they take on mighty Liverpool.

"It wasn't our fault - but when I went to Wembley everyone outside Bolton was supporting the opposition," he recalls.

"In 1953 we played Blackpool. Everyone wanted Stanley Matthews to pick up a

winners' medal. Unfortunately for us, he did because Blackpool beat us 4-3.

"Then, in 1958, we faced Manchester United shortly after the Munich air crash. You couldn't blame people for wanting United to win - it was a terrible tragedy and everyone wanted them to lift the cup."

Lofthouse scored both goals against United that afternoon in a 2-0 Bolton victory and lifted the F.A. Cup as skipper.

Incredibly, that Bolton team cost a grand total of £110.

Lofthouse was the proudest man in the country when he collected the Cup. But when he tried to claim the match ball, nobody could find it.

A Bolton fan had smuggled it out of Wembley after United goalkeeper Harry Gregg had booted it into the crowd after the

final whistle.

Such was Lofthouse's desire to have the ball he made a public appeal - and the fan sent it to him six days after the Final."

Disappointingly, the 1958 F.A. Cup triumph marked the end of Bolton's glory era. They had to wait more than three decades before Bruce Rioch was appointed manager and the feeling of success could once again pervade the Burnden Park air.

Lofthouse, who will celebrate his 70th birthday in August, can't speak highly enough of the softly-spoken Scot who has rejuvenated the Wanderers.

"Bruce has the respect of everyone. That is a quality you have to earn. You can't buy it," he says.

"I got on with Bruce from the moment the chairman introduced us. He has got the players and



Nat



1994 Coca Cola Cup Final - Nat Lofthouse presents the Coca Cola Cup to Aston Villa skipper Kevin Richardson

supporters working for each other. The fact that Jason McAteer and Alan Stubbs have stayed with us shows the essence of Bruce Rioch.

"The whole Wembley experience has lit up the town. The atmosphere has been electric.

"Everyone wants to be part of what is happening here. We will savour the occasion. Then, win, lose or draw, it's back to concentrating on winning promotion to the Premiership."

In his own way, Lofthouse - awarded the OBE in 1994 - is still as important to Bolton as Rioch or any of the players.

Just his name brings in thousands of pounds to the club.

"People used to come to matches to watch me play. Now I like to help in a different way," he says.

"I'm the front man for the

club. I get involved in match sponsorship and other things on the commercial side.

"As far as I'm concerned Bolton is the finest club in the world. I've been with them for 56 years. I'm planning on stopping on for a while yet!"

There was only ever going to be one club for Lofthouse. He was born in Bolton in 1925 and went on to score a record 256 goals in 452 League appearances for his local club between 1946 and 1960.

He also won 33 England caps, scoring 30 goals. And was elected Footballer of the Year in 1953.

Despite his success, you won't find Lofthouse running down today's game or comparing it sourly with the past.

"I'm not into that attitude," he explains. "It was a great game then, full of good players, and it is

the same now.

"It's daft to compare them. I prefer to keep my happy memories and also enjoy the football today."

That positive attitude is welcomed by Rioch. Unlike some managers, he does not want to bury the past. He holds up Lofthouse as an example for the team of '95 to follow.

Pictures of the 1950s side still adorn Burnden Park. Rioch says: "Taking them down would be like removing photographs of your family.

"There is a tremendous warmth at the club. Part of that is down to Nat and the other old players.

"I have met them and they retain the camaraderie that makes the club what it is."

Lofthouse will proudly watch today's game with former Wanderers team-mates Eddie

Hopkinson, Roy Hartle, Tommy Banks, Dennis Stevens, Ralph Gubbins, Ray Parry and Brian Edwards.

Lofthouse reckons they are about to witness a Bolton triumph.

"There's no reason our players should be overawed. They are good enough not to suffer in comparison with Liverpool.

"It is going to be one hell of a match. Both teams like to play good football and they will have a grand surface to play on.

"The Bolton players can be proud to play at Wembley. It is known world-wide as a great stadium. People like Cruyff and Beckenbauer used to look forward to playing there - and many other great players didn't get the chance.

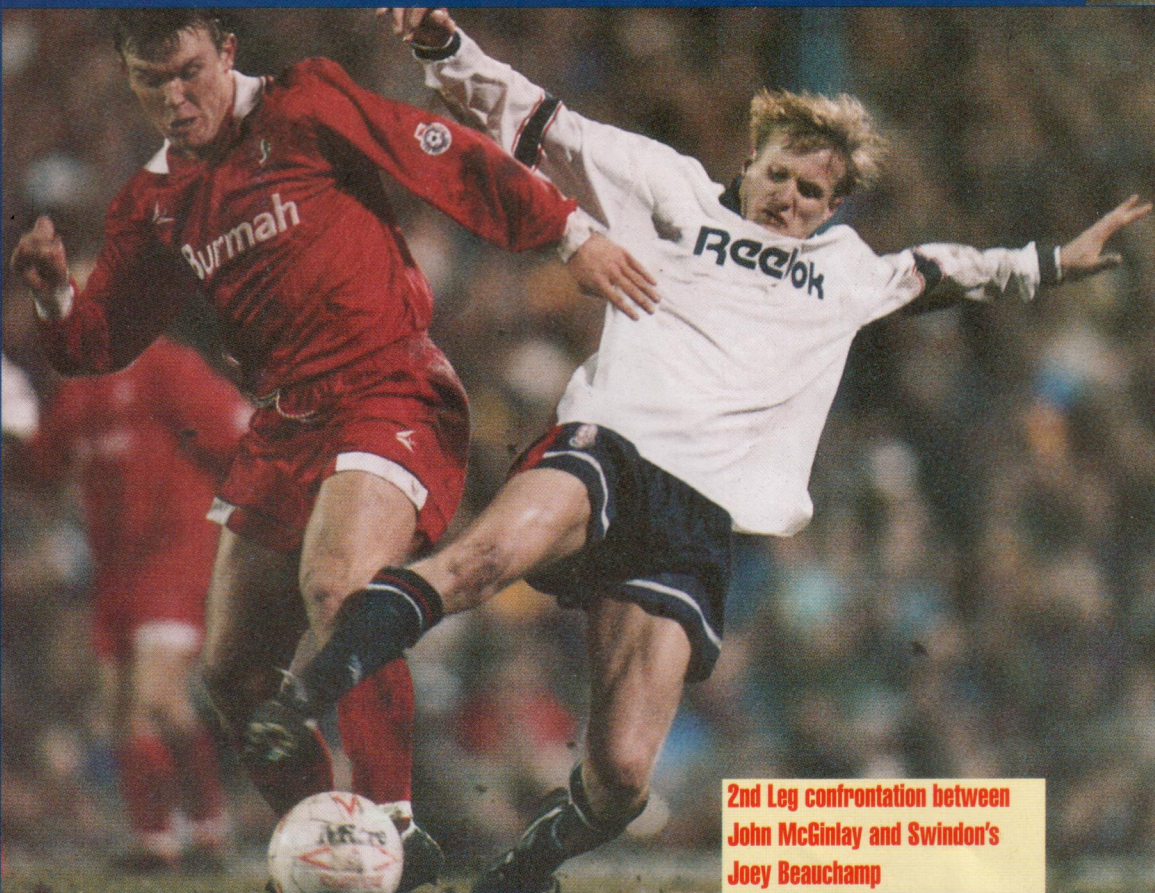
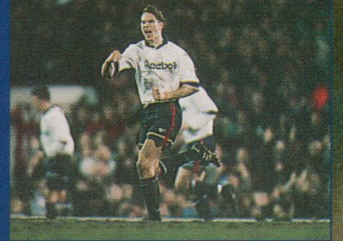
"I don't have any fears for my team. And I think we'll win the Cup 3-1!"

Bolton back

**1st Leg - goalscorer Alan Stubbs
congratulated by his teammates**



**2nd Leg John McGinlay (above)
celebrates his winner and Jason
McAteer (below) celebrates
scoring Bolton's opening goal**

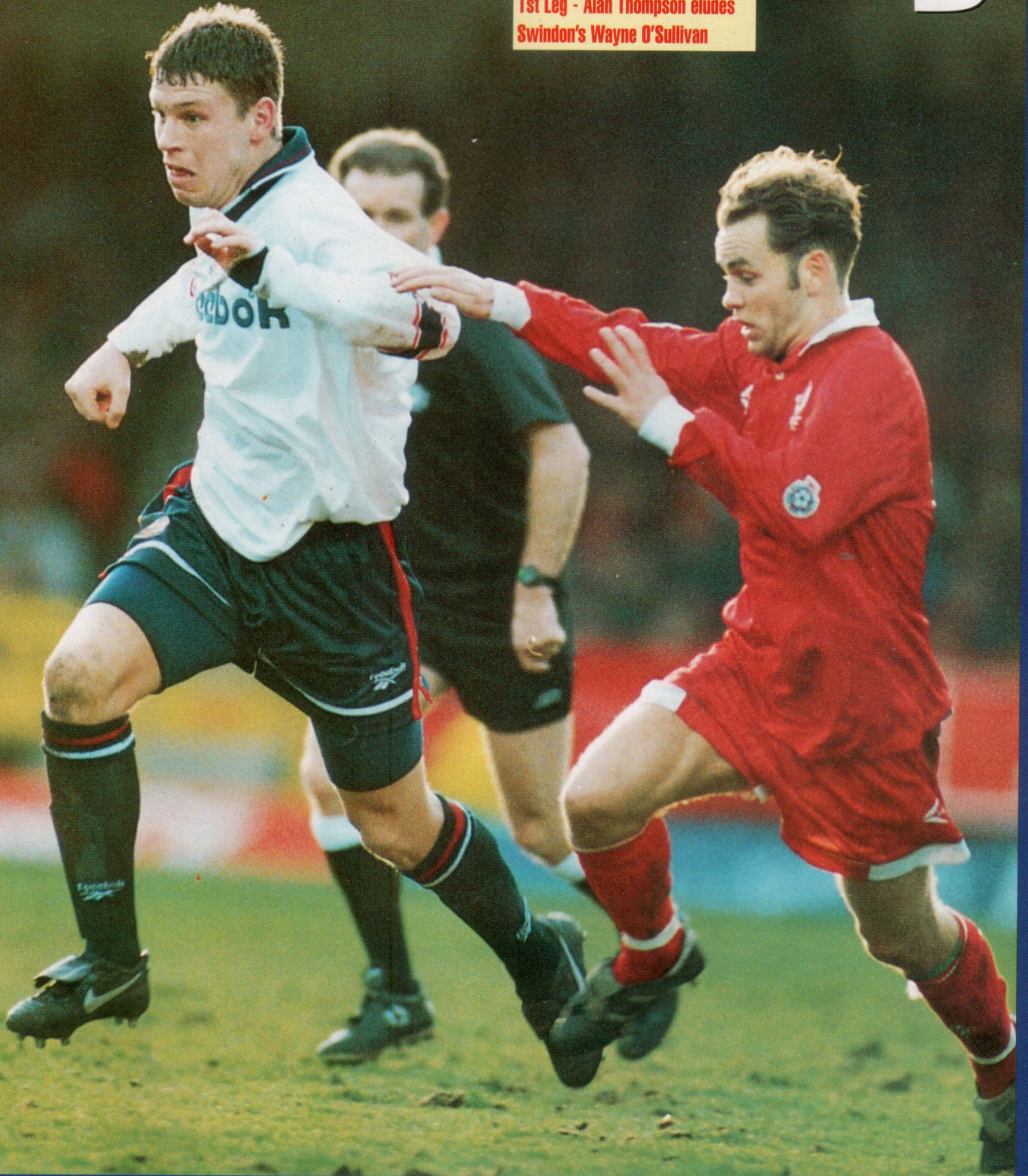


**2nd Leg confrontation between
John McGinlay and Swindon's
Joey Beauchamp**

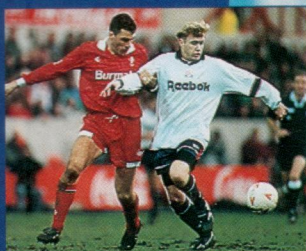


at Wembley

1st Leg - Alan Thompson eludes
Swindon's Wayne O'Sullivan



Shooting for Glory



John McGinlay is the man to lead Bolton Wanderers into Europe. That is the hope of all Trotters fans who will be looking to the goal power of their leading scorer to help achieve the ultimate giant-killing act here at Wembley this afternoon.

Up and down the country, defenders have been left in awe of the power, the pace, and sheer consistency, of a striker who like many of the greatest finishers in the game, is polarised to the point of selfishness in his quest to find the net.

Last season, the flaxen-haired Scot topped the Endsleigh League First Division goal chart with 33 goals in all competitions, and true to form, he once again heads Bolton Wanderers' scorers in the current campaign, including three strikes in their Coca-Cola run to Wembley.

And Liverpool have cause to be wary of the Bolton goal machine this afternoon, because John McGinlay seems to save his most lethal shots for the big boys. Certainly, Liverpool recall with anguish, his goal scoring knack, for McGinlay scored in both the 2-2 draw and Bolton's 2-0 replay victory at Anfield in the F.A. Cup a couple of season ago.

All three of his goals leading up to the semi-final this season were netted against

Premiership opposition. The first, in the 84th minute of a first leg Second Round game at Portman Road, put the skids under Ipswich Town's Coca-Cola Cup ambitions. While at Upton Park he burst West Ham's United bubble with a glorious opening goal in the 16th minute, and rounded off a memorable 3-1 victory with the third goal from the penalty spot.

Last season too, McGinlay was the scourge of soccer's aristocracy. He was the heroic figure of the twice played squabble with Arsenal. Yet life has not always been played out in the fast lane by this likeable hit man, who only now, at the latter end of his playing career, is beginning to enjoy the fruits of stardom at the top.

Born in Inverness, John started his football career with Elgin City and Yeovil Town, where his performance attracted the attention of a Shrewsbury Town Scout. They gave him a trial and signed him on, though by his own admission, his entry into league Football was somewhat unspectacular.

The target-man who prided himself on his scoring ability, netted but once in some twenty odd games before he turned the corner in the summer of 1989. That following season he suddenly blossomed, rattling in 26 goals to head the Shrews scoring chart. Suddenly the statistics of 27 goals in 60 League appearances looked

rather respectable, and certainly attracted the attentions of Bury, who promptly recruited him into the Gigg Lane pay roll.

It was very much a case of shaken but not stirred for John, for though he managed nine goals in 25 outings with the Lancashire club, his hard-up employers were forced to part with his services when Millwall waved a cheque for £65,000 in front of their noses, on transfer deadline day in March 1991.

His debut for the Lions was against the Tigers of Hull City four years ago, but he never really settled with the London Docklands club, and when manager Bruce Rioch invited him to follow him to Burnden Park in September 1992, he didn't need asking twice.

"This is the best move I have ever made," insists McGinlay, who settled quickly into the local community and now runs a public house, "McGinlays," in the town he calls home.

At Burnden Park, his insatiable appetite for goals has been rekindled, and his workmanlike performances have now, at long last, earned him international recognition with Scotland.

"I can't tell you how proud I was to be capped by Scotland," says John. "To tell the truth, I never ever thought I would be

considered for such an honour, as I have played all my football outside of the top division: and when you get to 30, your dreams of such things happening to you become very faint."

But happen to him it most certainly did last year and now, after scoring Scotland's opening goal against the Faroe Islands, and collecting his fourth cap in the 1-1 draw with Russia in November, he has established himself as his country's front-line striker in their European Championship challenge.

"It is all very exciting," agrees John, who remains a down to earth lad but can be excused for lapping up every minute of his late found stardom. "This will certainly be the biggest day of my life," he says, referring to this afternoon's Coca-Cola Cup Final. "To play at Wembley, well what can I say? This last twelve months has been like a dream for me. Everything seems to have suddenly come good, and you really have to shake yourself to make sure it is not all a dream."

McGinlay will be 31 in six days time, but the man who has just registered his 100th League goal, is hoping to start the celebrations this afternoon by leading Bolton Wanderers to victory, and so open yet another door to European competition next season.

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Bolton Wanderers

KEITH BRANAGAN ▶ (Goalkeeper)

Has been with the Wanderers since July 1992, when he left Millwall. Began his career with Cambridge United making 110 League appearances before a £110,000 transfer to Millwall in 1988. Served under manager Bruce Rioch at the Den, and followed him to Burnden Park. Was an ever-present for Bolton in 1992-93 but missed most of last season through injury. Born: Fulham 10.7.66.

AIDAN DAVISON (Goalkeeper)

Like Branagan, made the trip to Burnden Park from Millwall, (£25,000) in 1993. Learned his trade with Spennymore United and Billingham Synthonia before signing for Notts County. Bury signed him but it was with Millwall that he enjoyed his last spell. Born: Sedgfield 11.5.68.

PETER SHILTON (Goalkeeper)

Signed for Bolton in March. Capped 125 times by England. Has served Leicester City, Stoke City, Nottingham Forest, Southampton, Derby County and Plymouth Argyle, where he was player-manager. A League Cup winner with Forest in 1979, and runner-up in 1980. Born Leicester: 18.9.49.



ALAN STUBBS ▲ (Defender)

Turned pro with Bolton in 1990 and has developed into an England 'B' international - making his debut as a sub against Northern Ireland at Hillsborough in May 1994. Made his League debut against Bradford in September 1990 and has now over 150 games to his credit. Born: Kirkby 6.10.71.

MARK SEAGRAVES (Defender)

A former England Youth international, Mark arrived on Burnden Park from Manchester City (whom he joined in September 1987), in a £100,000 deal in September 1990. Had begun his career with Liverpool, making his league debut for Norwich City while on loan. Born: Bootle 22.10.66.

SCOTT GREEN (Midfield)

Joined Bolton in March 1990 for £50,000 from Derby County, having failed to make the breakthrough into the senior side at the Baseball Ground. Made his 150th appearance for the Wanderers at the start of this season. Can also operate as a centre-forward when required. Born: Walsall 15-1-70.





DAVID LEE ▲
(Midfield)

Former Blackburn Schools star, served his apprenticeship with Bury, making the first of his 208 League appearances for them at Chesterfield in August 1985. Six years later Southampton acquired his services and he made his debut in the top flight against Leeds United in August 1991. Transferred to Bolton in December 1992 for £275,000. Born Whitefield 5.11.67.

JAMES PHILLIPS ►
(Defender)

Former Middlesbrough fullback. Jimmy joined them in March 1990 from Glasgow Rangers for £250,000. Started his career at Burnden Park, making 108 appearances before switching to Rangers in 1986. Played just 25 Scottish League games before Oxford gained his services for £110,000 in 1988. Returned to Bolton in July 1993 for £300,000. Born: Bolton 8.2.66.

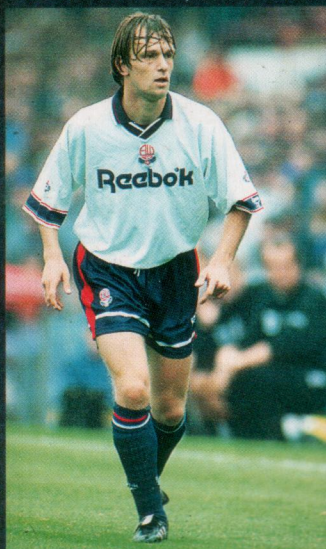


GUDNI BERGSSON
(Defender)

A full International fullback he first played in his native Iceland for Valur. Had a trial with Aston Villa in 1985 yet did not impress, but came back three years later to sign for Tottenham Hotspur. Enjoyed only a limited exposure with Spurs this year and returned to Iceland. Returned to train with Spurs this year and signed for Bolton just before the transfer deadline. Born: Bolton 21.7.65.

NEIL McDonald
(Defender)

Has been with Bolton since July 1993 after Oldham Athletic released him. Neil began his career with Newcastle United and made 180 appearances when Everton paid £525,000 for him in August 1988. Capped by England at Under-21 level, he cost Oldham half-a-million in October 1991. Can also operate in midfield. Born: Wallsend 2.11.65.



RICHARD SNEEKES ▲
(Midfield)

A bargain buy at £175,000 last summer from Dutch Second Division Fortuna Sittard. Began his career with Ajax where he made his debut at 16. Was five years with them before signing with FC Vollandam. A year on and he was with Fortuna. They loaned him to the Swiss Second Division club Locarno for the 1993-94 season. Has won representative honours with Holland. Born: Amsterdam 30.10.68.



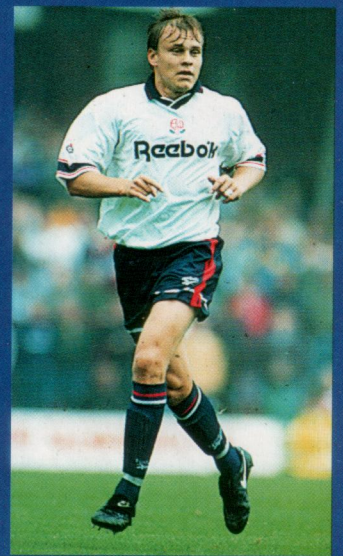
JASON McATEER
(Midfield)

Came from the relative obscurity of non-League football with Marine to become an international star. Was a regular in the Bolton 'Stiffs' until February 1993, when he established himself in the first team. Had made his Football League debut the previous November. Good club form led to a call up by Jack Charlton and Jason made his international bow for Eire against Russia in March 1994 and went to the USA. Born: Birkenhead 18.6.71.



OWEN COYLE ▶ (Forward)

Joined Bolton from Airdrie for £250,000, in 1993. Previously gained experience with Dumbarton and Clydebank. Whilst at Broomfield Park, Owen set a Scottish record by netting three successive hat tricks. Made his Republic of Ireland international debut against Holland in 1993-94, having already picked up Under-21 and 'B' honours. Born: Paisley 14.7.66.



MIXU PAATELAINEN ▲ (Striker)

Finnish international. Bolton signed him from Aberdeen for £350,000 in the summer of 1994. Began his career with Valkeakosken Haka and arrived in Britain in 1987 to play for Dundee United. Was five seasons at Tannadice Park, scoring 33 goals in 133 Scottish League games. Joined Aberdeen in March 1992. Born: Helsinki 3.2.67.

JOHN MCGINLAY (Striker)

The First Division's leading scorer with 33 goals in all competitions last season he heads the Wanderers score-chart again this season. Went from Elgin City to Shrewsbury Town, then Bury who realised £65,000 for his sale to Millwall in 1991. Bolton Wanderers paid £125,000 for him in October 1992. Established himself as Scotland's front-line striker this season. Born: Inverness 8.4.64.

ALAN THOMPSON ▶ (Midfield)

Was 17 when Newcastle United introduced him to League Football in November 1991. A left-sided player, he cost Bolton £250,000 in the summer of 1993 and scored 6 goals in 27 League games in 1993-94. Born: Newcastle 22.12.73.

MARK PATTERSON (Midfield)

An apprentice at Ewood Park: made his debut for Blackburn in the Second Division. In June 1988 he moved to Preston and in February 1990 was transferred to Bury for £80,000. In January 1991 Bolton paid £65,000 for his services and he has now made over 150 appearances for the Trotters. Born: Darwen 24.5.65.



FABIAN deFREITAS (Forward)

Dutch Under-21 international, he cost Bolton a club record £400,000 to sign from Dutch First Division side Volendam in August 1994. Stands 6'1" and made his Football League debut at Middlesbrough on August 27, 1994. His first goal in English football was netted against Swindon Town on November 1 1994. Born: Paramarlbo 28.7.72.

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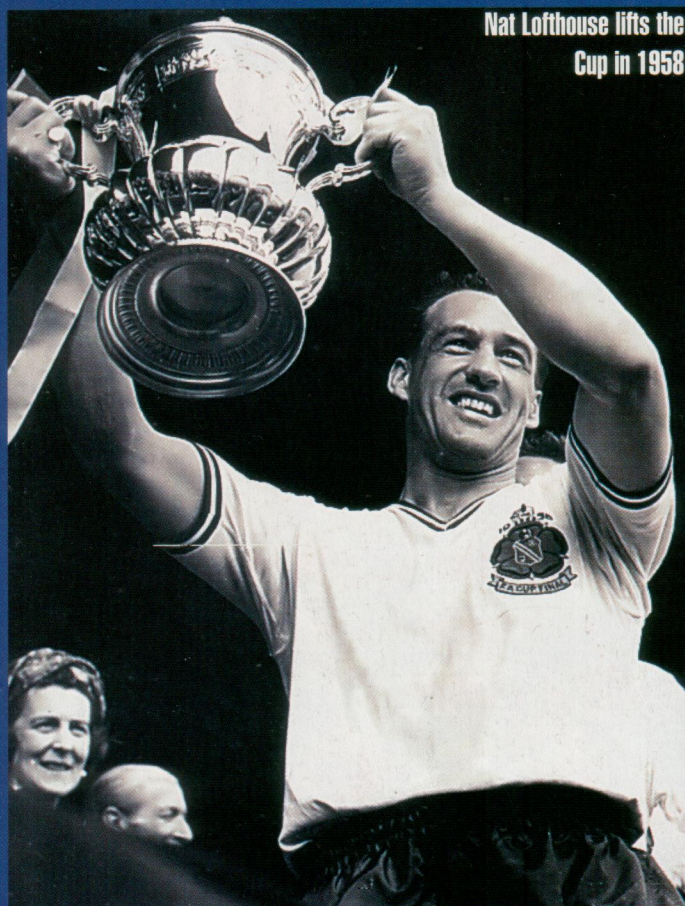
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Bolton's We



Nat Lofthouse lifts the Cup in 1958



Top: 1953 F.A. Cup Final - Lofthouse scores for Bolton against Blackpool
Above: Victorious Bolton parade the F.A. Cup in 1926

Bolton Wanderers are back in the big time at Wembley. Back where they belong. For they were the very first Wembley Cup Final winners. Seventy-two years ago!

An estimated crowd of over 200,000 arrived here that historic day in 1923 as Bolton beat West Ham 2-0.

Today is their fourth final in ten seasons. They were beaten in the 1986 Freight Rover Trophy Final, won the 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy and were beaten in the Division Three Play-Off final in 1991.

But we go back 37 years for their last major Wembley final. Today Bolton arrive at Wembley as underdogs and, as such, with the majority of football

wishing them well. It was so different in 1958.

Bolton faced Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Final that day, just three months after the Munich air disaster, in which eight United players had died. Matt Busby was too ill to take charge of his team, but under assistant-manager Jimmy Murphy, they bravely battled their way to the Final.

Not only did the whole nation want United to win the final, the rest of the world were cheering on Busby's boys that day. Television pictures were beamed around the world, including Munich, where everyone hoped against hope that the Reds could triumph.

It took Bolton's favourite son, Nat Lofthouse, just two minutes to defy the watching world. He shot Bolton into the lead with a

close-range strike past Munich-survivor Harry Gregg.

And on 55 minutes Lofthouse finished off the Final in controversial circumstances, shoulder-charging Gregg into the net as he headed home to make it 2-0. It wouldn't have been allowed today.

"Never in history has a Cup-winning team been so unpopular as Bolton," declared the Daily Mirror. "Never has a team played so well for so little acclaim."

The nation mourned United's failure but man-of-the-match Lofthouse was happy enough. "All I know is that the score in my newspaper is Bolton 2 Manchester United 0," he said. "And the Cup's in our manager's bedroom right now."

Matt Busby, who had watched the game from the stands, was characteristically

magnanimous in defeat. Seeing Bolton manager Bill Ridding, he walked over and said: "Congratulations Bill. I want you to know the better team won - there's no doubt about that."

Ridding, though, was out of pocket on the day. Just seven weeks before the Final, Lofthouse dislocated his collar bone. His manager had counted him out of the Final.

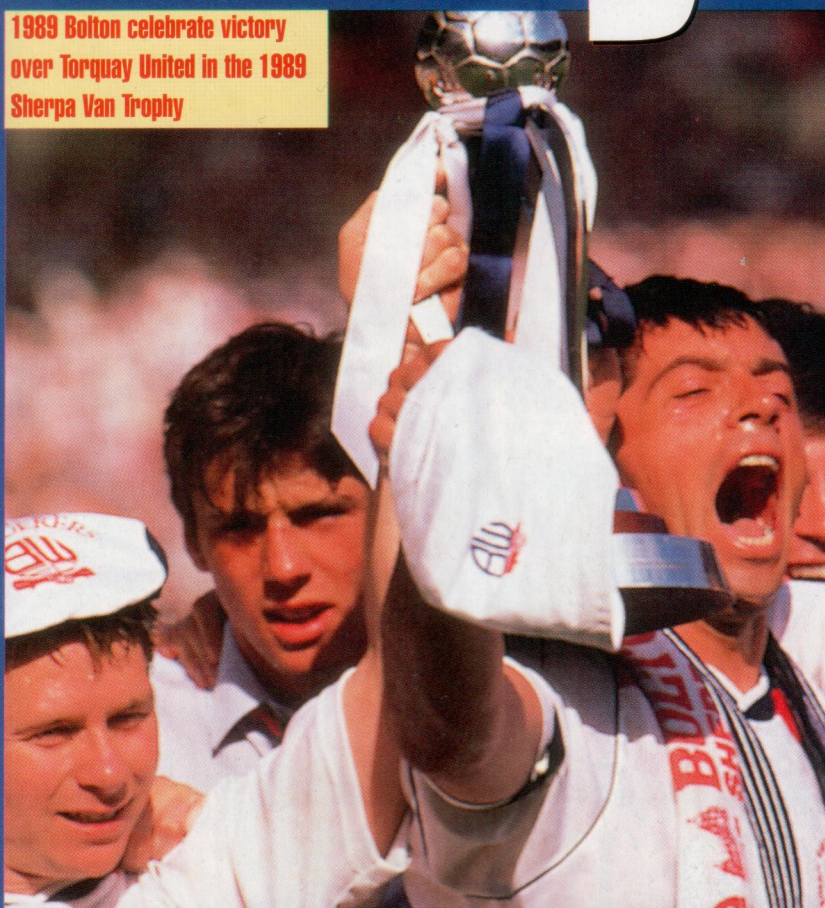
Lofthouse was determined to play and bet Ridding £1 that he would make Wembley. He collected his money after the game and said: "My collar-bone felt champion - never a twinge."

Bolton 'keeper Eddie Hopkinson, the club's longest-serving player with 519 appearances between 1956 and 1970, had a quiet afternoon, as United failed to fulfil their attacking potential.



Wembley Past

1989 Bolton celebrate victory over Torquay United in the 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy



Goalscorer Julian Darby in the 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy Final

Playing up front for United was a young Munich survivor, the 20-year-old Bobby Charlton. United's best chance of the game came after just nine minutes with a shot from Charlton which crashed against the crossbar and into the goalkeeper's arms. "I knew it was our Cup then," said Hopkinson.

For Ridding and Lofthouse, the win was sweet revenge for the famous Stanley Matthews Final of 1953, when Bolton had been 3-1 up only to end up losing 4-3 to Blackpool. Ridding said: "Our early goal settled my nerves, but my mind was flashing back to 1953 during the game."

Bolton's Cup finals always seem to have extra significance. Not only did they play in the after-Munich Final and the Matthews Final but they also took part in the White Horse Final of 1923.

It was the first Cup Final held at Wembley, which was built to hold 127,000 spectators. The F.A. expected half that figure to turn up. No-one knows how many made it into the stadium on the day but estimates varied between 200,000 and 250,000.

Without Billy, the white horse ridden by PC George Scorey, clearing the pitch of spectators, the match might never have taken place. David Jack and J.R. Smith scored Bolton's goals to earn them their first Cup win in their third Final appearance.

Bolton's team of the Twenties was probably their greatest ever. Twice in that decade they finished third in the First Division. And, after 1923, twice they went back to Wembley to win the Cup.

In 1926 they took part in the first Cup Final under the new

offside law. David Jack scored again for a 1-0 win over Manchester City, avenging their 1-0 defeat at City's hands in the 1904 Final. In 1929 they returned to Wembley to beat Portsmouth 2-0. Three Wembley wins out of three and not a goal in Dick Pym's net!

Bolton have been back here three times in the last nine years. As a Third Division side in 1986, under player-manager Phil Neal, the former Liverpool and England right-back, they lost 3-0 to Bristol City in the Freight Rover Trophy.

Despite the defeat, the 54,502 crowd indicated the enormous potential of those two clubs. Bolton were back at Wembley under Neal to play for the Sherpa Van Trophy in 1989 when 46,513 fans - the vast majority from Bolton - saw them beat Torquay 4-1.

Goals from Julian Darby, Jeffrey Chandler, Dean Crombie and Trevor Morgan secured Bolton's win. Neal compared the experience to his triumphs at Liverpool. "This means as much as my first Championship win," he said. "The passion of winning at Wembley still tingles."

Bolton have endured Wembley heartache since then, losing the 1991 Third Division Play Off final 1-0 to Tranmere. Since then though, their rise through the League and their cup-fighting exploits have made them one of the most respected teams in the country.

A win at Wembley this afternoon and their first major honour since 1958 would confirm the return of Bolton Wanderers towards the top bracket under Bruce Rioch.

Rob Draper

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wonderful feat for them to get into the final."

So with Bolton in the hunt for goals, the name of Roger Hunt may come to mind, as he also played for both Liverpool and Bolton, in the role of centre forward, and ended his career at Burnden Park in 1972.

"Actually, Nat Lofthouse, who was my boyhood hero, was the manager that signed me from

Peter Thompson



The bringing together of Bolton Wanderers and Liverpool for today's Coca-Cola Cup Final, reminds us of a sentimental story that rescued the career of former left-field winger, Peter Thompson, who after ten years at Anfield, seemed destined for retirement through injury, but instead went on to enjoy five fabulous years at Burnden Park.

"When I was finished at Liverpool, I had two cartilidge operations and a specialist felt that my knee wouldn't hold up to professional football anymore. But Jimmy Armfield was desperate for a player of my experience, and took me to Bolton on a month's loan."

It proved a succesful period and Armfield took the gamble of signing Thompson from Liverpool for £20,000, after agreeing the fee with the late Bill Shankley. It was to be a bold move as there were



Roger Hunt

question marks about Thompson's bad knee and how much football he could handle after 450 games for Liverpool. Fortunatley, by the time his playing days were over at Bolton, he had guided them back to the top.

"It all ended on a happy note because in my last season at Bolton, we got promoted to what is now known as the premier league, which was a great way to finish my career."

In honour of Peter Thompson, a testimonial took place during 1979, which saw Bolton, the newly crowned Division Two champions face the then European Cup holders, Liverpool, in front of a crowd exceeding twenty thousand. It was the perfect stage for Thompson's retirement from football.

"After I left, Bolton quickly slipped back into the second division and had quite a few lean years. But its wonderful to see them back at Wembley and they have a very good side at the moment. Obviously the main aim is for them to get promotion, but its a

Liverpool. Unfortunately, we didn't do very well and there was a succession of managers during my time there."

"Since I stopped playing football, I've been in the transport business, which is situated between Liverpool and Bolton. Its ideal really because it gives me the chance to go and see both my old clubs in action."

With Bolton back to their first major Cup Final since 1958, Hunt has his own feelings on why it has been such a long time in coming, and with the success of the present side, he hopes that the club has learnt from its past mistakes.

"Although in recent years they have achieved success against a number of Premiership sides in the Cup, there was previously a problem in trying to keep up with the top clubs because they were unable to get the best players, and often had to sell good players to other clubs. Hopefully, the money from this years Cup run will help to strengthen the present squad.

Robert Haller

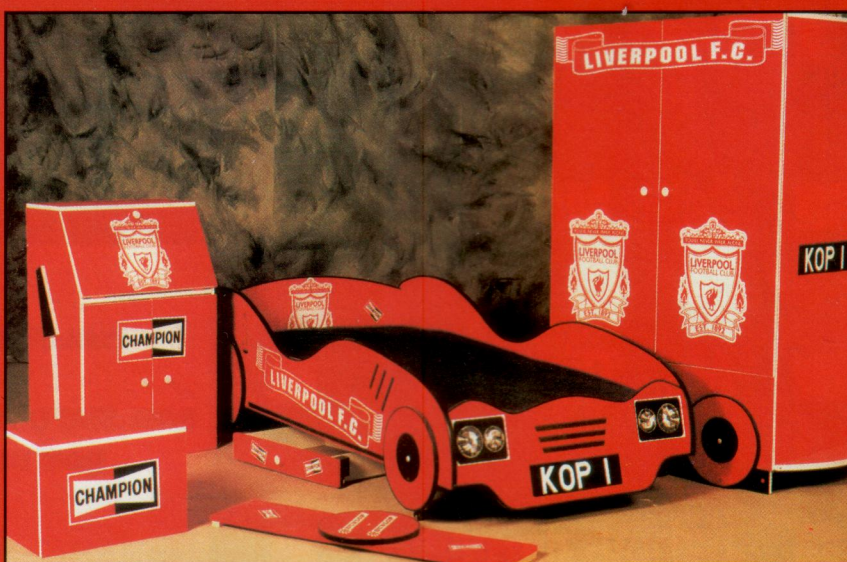




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THERE'S ALWAYS COCA-COLA





Back row (left to right): Rob Jones, Paul Stewart, Steve Nicol (now with Notts County),

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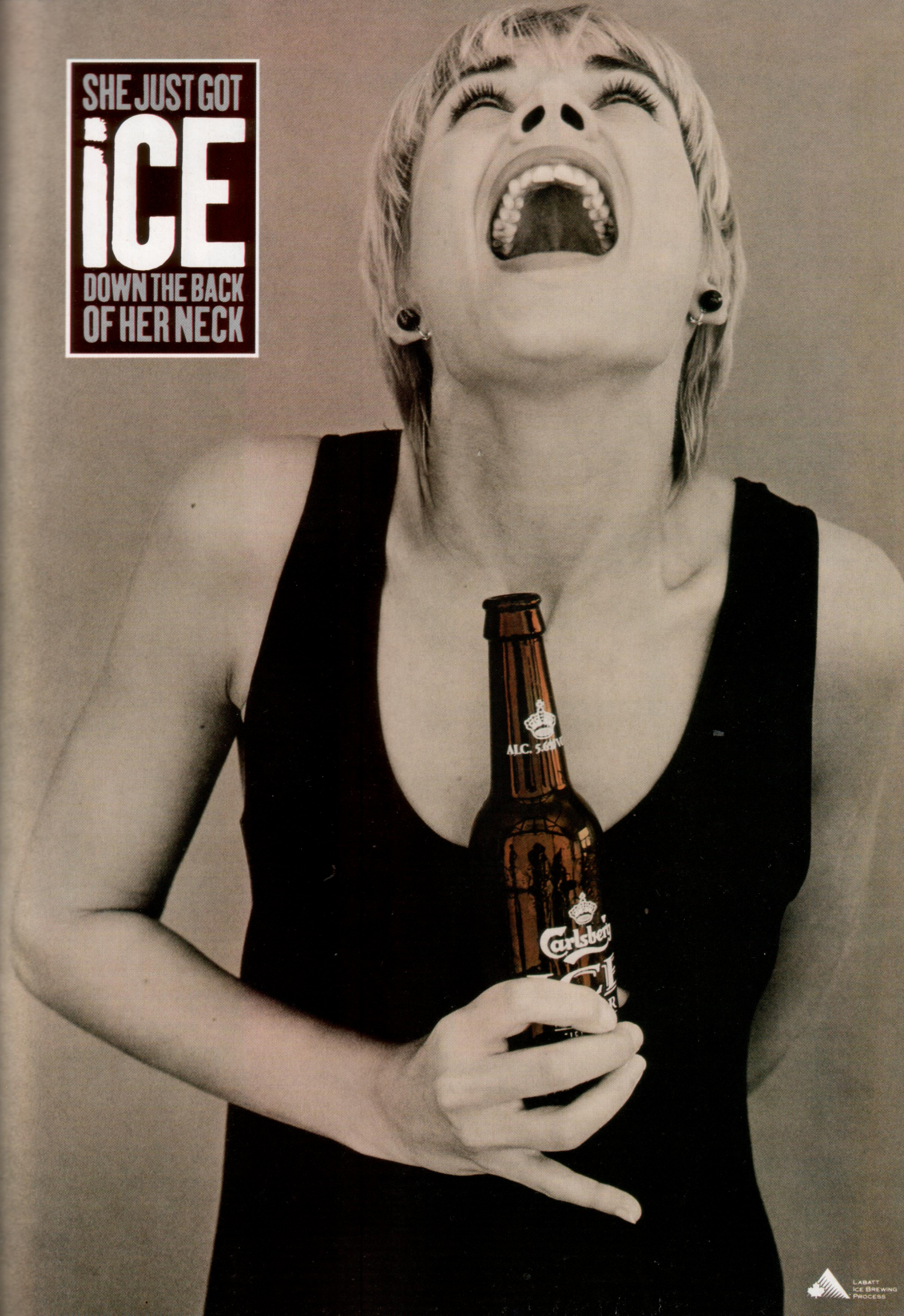
Middle row (left to right): Ronnie Moran (Coach), Steve Harkness, Lee Jones, John Scales, Stig Bjornebye, Phil Babb, Michael Thomas, Doug Livermore (Assistant Manager), Sammy Lee (Reserve Team Coach).

Front row (left to right): Nigel Clough, Neil Ruddock, Robbie Fowler, Ian Rush, Roy Evans (Manager), John Barnes,

Jamie Redknapp, Steve McManaman.

Liverpool

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DOWN THE BACK
OF HER NECK



Liverpool



DAVID JAMES ▲
(Goalkeeper) Age: 24
Born: Welwyn Garden City
Previous club: Watford
Appearances in cup: 6

David is a former Watford goalkeeper who has staved off the challenge of long time first choice Bruce Grobbelaar for the number one jersey at Anfield.

Signed by Graeme Souness for £1 million in June 1992, his form this season has pushed him into the reckoning for international honours. He trained with Spurs as a youngster.

JAN MOLBY
(Midfielder) Age: 31
Born: Jutland (Denmark)
Previous club: Ajax
Amsterdam
Appearances in cup: 2

Jan is a long time Anfield favourite who has a better Scouse accent than most Liverpoolians!

A highly gifted midfielder who has won the league and cup in both England and Holland. His Dutch medals came when he was with Ajax of Amsterdam.

MICHAEL STENGAARD
(Goalkeeper) Age: 20
Born: Denmark
Previous club: HVI Donvere
Appearances in cup: 0

A highly rated young goalkeeper who impressed with his display in Denmark's Under-21 game with England at Brentford last season.

Michael was attracting interest from several English clubs before Liverpool stepped in and paid £20,000 to HVI Donvere of Copenhagen and £10,000 to his previous club Greve.

NEIL RUDDOCK
(Defender) Age: 27
Born: Wandsworth (London)
Previous clubs: Spurs,
Millwall, Southampton
Appearances in cup: 6

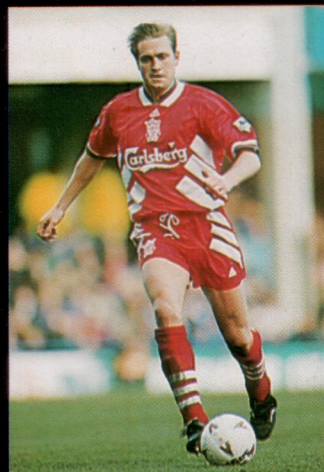
'Razor' arrived at Anfield from Tottenham for £2.5 million in July 1993 and has become a favourite with the Anfield fans.

His fully committed approach to the club's cause is a driving factor and his all-round ability is much under-rated. He has had two spells at Spurs, as well as playing for Southampton and Millwall.

STEVE HARKNESS
(Midfielder) Age: 23
Born: Carlisle (Cumbria)
Previous club: Carlisle
Appearances in cup: 0

Steve went on loan to Huddersfield last season and his performances were highly impressive before he returned to Anfield.

A former Carlisle player who captained the England youth team in his early career.



JOHN SCALES ▲
(Defender) Age: 28
Born: Harrogate
Previous clubs: Bristol
Rovers, Wimbledon
Appearances in cup: 5

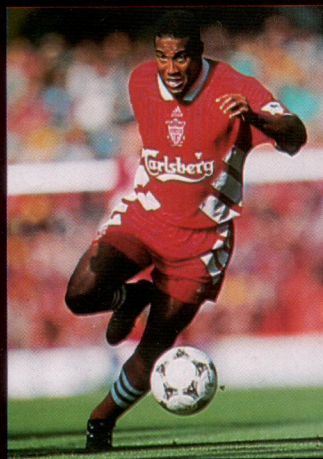
A Leeds United apprentice who went to play for Bristol Rovers before joining Wimbledon in 1987 in a £70,000 deal.

At six feet two inches tall, John was Wimbledon's player of the year for the 1992/93 season and regularly appears as a TV pundit in his time away from Anfield.

STIG INGE BJORNEBY
(Defender) Age: 25
Born: Rosenborg (Norway)
Previous club: Rosenborg
(Norway)
Appearances in cup: 5

Stig was spotted in Liverpool's pre-season tour of Norway in 1992 and a fee of £600,000 brought him to Anfield from Norwegian League Champions Rosenborg.

He has enjoyed a long run in the first team this season, especially since the departure of Julian Dicks back to West Ham.



JOHN BARNES ▲
(Midfielder) Age: 31
Born: Jamaica
Previous club: Watford
Appearances in cup: 5

The mercurial midfielder has rediscovered his electrifying form this season to propel Liverpool to new heights.

After a long period of frustration with injury, Barnes is now as fit and as dangerous as ever. He may have lost some of his pace, but his quick-thinking makes him a vital asset to Liverpool. He has won 75 England caps.



PHIL BABB

(Defender) Age: 24

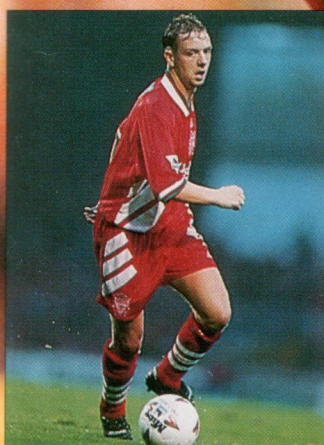
Born: Lambeth (London)

Previous clubs: Bradford City, Coventry

Appearances in cup: 6

Phil was the most sought after defender in Britain after impressive displays in the 1994 World Cup for Ireland.

Liverpool beat off a strong challenge from Tottenham to land Babb in a £3.4 million deal last September and he has settled into a back three formation with Ruddock and a player who signed at Anfield a day after Babb's arrival, John Scales.



ROB JONES ▲

(Defender) Age: 23

Born: Wrexham (Wales)

Previous club: Crewe Alexandra

Appearances in cup: 6

Rob is an England regular who was signed by Liverpool in October 1991 and made his debut in a fiery atmosphere against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

He forges forward at all opportunities and is as vital an attacking player for Liverpool and England as he is a full-back.

JAMIE REDKNAPP

(Midfielder) Age: 21

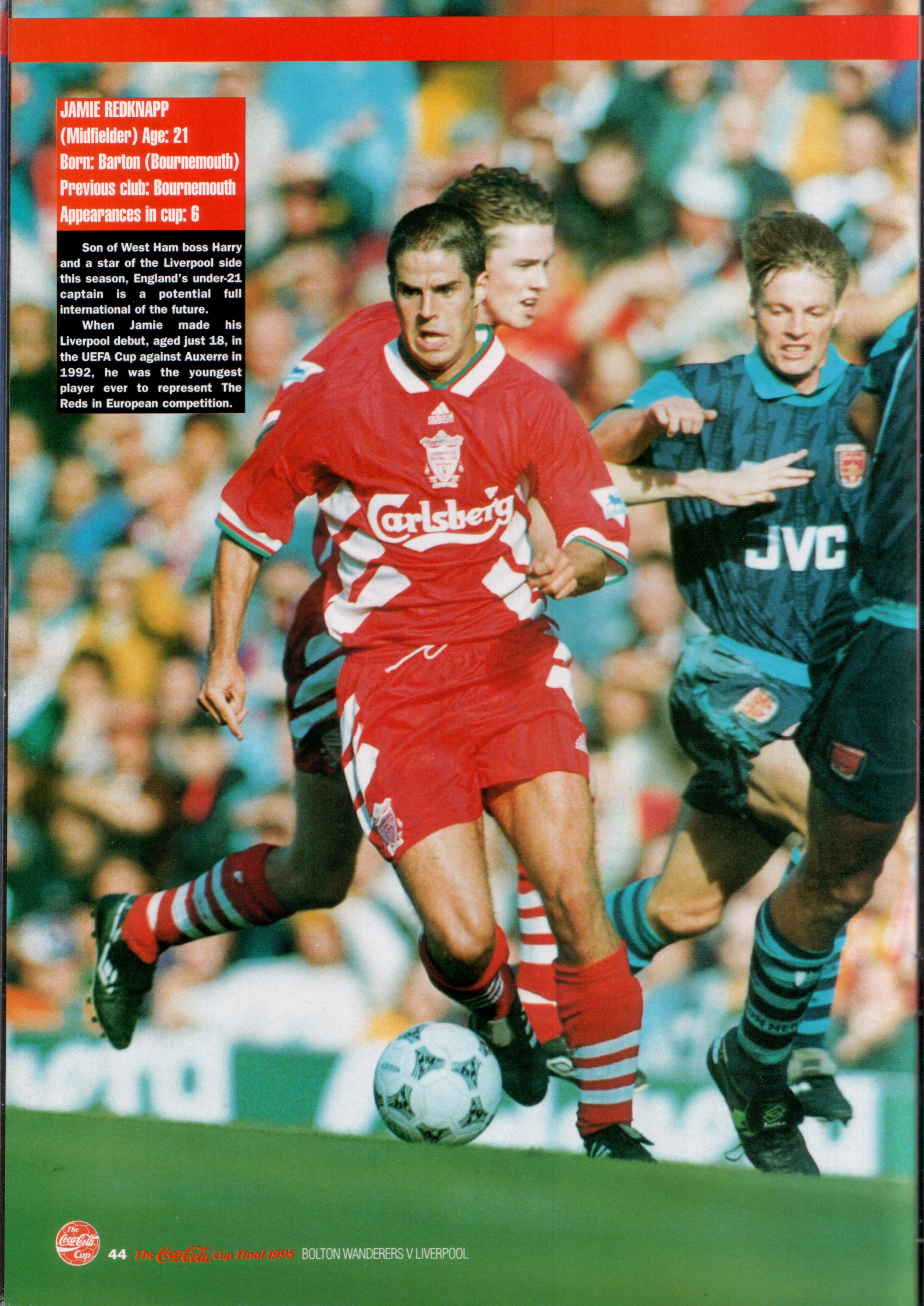
Born: Barton (Bournemouth)

Previous club: Bournemouth

Appearances in cup: 6

Son of West Ham boss Harry and a star of the Liverpool side this season, England's under-21 captain is a potential full international of the future.

When Jamie made his Liverpool debut, aged just 18, in the UEFA Cup against Auxerre in 1992, he was the youngest player ever to represent The Reds in European competition.





ROBBIE FOWLER ▲
(Forward) Age: 19
Born: Liverpool
Previous clubs: None
Appearances in cup: 6

Of course, Fowler is now one of the most feared strikers in the Premiership and the only challenger to Blackburn's Alan Shearer in the race for the Golden Boot this year.

He has been compared on more than one occasion to the legendary Ian Rush and together they form a deadly partnership.

DOMINIC MATTEO
(Forward) Age: 20
Born: Dumfries (Scotland)
Previous club: None
Appearances in cup: 0

Dominic moved to Southport with his parents at the age of four. He made his Liverpool debut last season at Maine Road, Manchester, and has come into the first team reckoning recently.

He was bedded into life at Anfield at the Liverpool School of Excellence, which he attended with another bright hope for the future, 11-year-old Robbie Fowler.

MICHAEL THOMAS
(Forward) Age: 27
Born: Lambeth (London)
Previous club: Arsenal
Appearances in cup: 2

Michael scored one of the most famous goals in history at Anfield, but in the red shirt of Arsenal.

Whatever he does in his career at Liverpool, he will never surpass that momentous last minute effort in 1989 that clinched the championship for Arsenal and denied his current employers.

NIGEL CLOUGH
(Forward) Age: 29
Born: Sunderland
Previous club: Nottingham Forest
Appearances in cup: 1

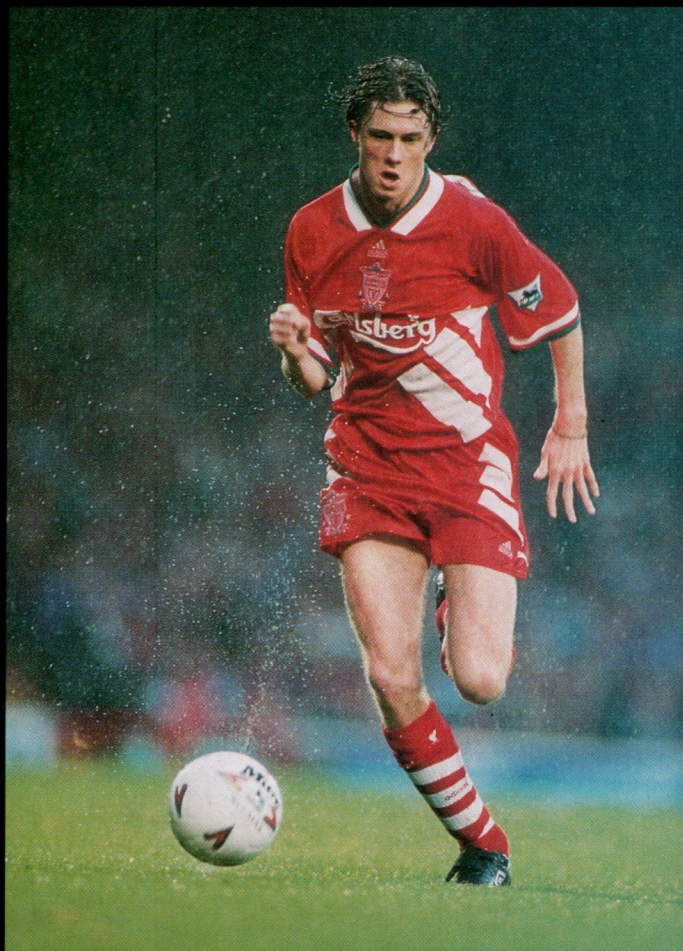
He will probably never be mentioned without that other relative known to the football public.

Nigel was a £2 million summer signing from Nottingham Forest in 1993. A goalscoring debut raised hopes that he could enjoy a good career at Anfield, but he has not reached those heights since.

IAN RUSH
(forward) Age: 32
Born: St Asaph (Wales)
Previous clubs: Chester City, Juventus
Appearances in cup: 4

What more can be said about one of the game's greats? It seems that every goal he scores breaks a new record.

A master finisher who is amongst the all-time highest scorers in both the F.A. Cup and League Cup competitions, as well as having the honour of scoring more goals for Liverpool than anyone else. When he finally hangs up his boots, he will be remembered as a goalscoring legend.



MARK WALTERS
(Forward) Age: 30
Born: Birmingham
Previous clubs: Aston Villa, Glasgow Rangers
Appearances in cup: 2

Mark came to Anfield in 1991 after a £1 million move from Scottish Champions Rangers. He worked under Graeme Souness, the man who had brought him to Glasgow four years before.

He has been on the fringes of the side for most of the season, but has burst into the first team picture in recent weeks.

STEVE McMANAMAN ▲
(Forward) Age: 23
Born: Liverpool
Previous clubs: None
Appearances in cup: 7

A man in form, who has burst into the England squad this season with sparkling displays at Anfield. He made his international debut as a substitute against Romania last October.

Steve's 1992 F.A. Cup Final performance singled him out as a star of the future and this season he is finally fulfilling his promise. A potential matchwinner today.

Phil to the top



With the honour of this season's Coca-Cola Cup Final Philip Don from Middlesex completes the set of domestic honours having refereed the F.A. Cup Final in 1992 and the Charity Shield match last August, but still pronounces himself delighted with this award.

"No matter what you have won before, it is always a thrill to be given a Cup Final. You always think you will have a chance but until you are called up on the telephone you are never certain. It is ironic that my F.A. Cup Final was between Liverpool and Sunderland which was then a First versus Second Division clash and it is similar with this one, but only the names of the Divisions have changed. Having refereed both teams in the past I feel this should be a very good footballing match with the added spice of a bit of North West rivalry and the M6 packed to capacity on that Sunday.

"I could never get blasé

about going to Wembley to Referee, simply because there is the pride of being involved and the pressure on me during the match to really concentrate the mind. Those pressures include, what is at stake for the teams; the microscope put on the game by television not only in this country but also across Europe and the desire of my colleagues and myself in wanting to give a good performance. No matter what experience you have gained it is impossible to get away from the pressures exerted by the media, whether it be radio, television or newspapers on the match Officials. We will always be looked at extremely closely, which is born out by the criticism I received when cautioning a number of players in this year's Charity Shield game but I made that the standard which I followed all season.

"This will be the first domestic Cup Final since the new FIFA interpretations came into force and I am obviously very aware of my responsibilities. I would not hesitate to invoke the



Philip Don (centre) with Mark Wright and Paul Bracewell at the 1992 F.A. Cup Final

punishments available during this Final but hope it would never become necessary. At the end of the day, I am only as good or as kind as the players will allow me to be. I would like to think that when teams know I am to be their referee they appreciate where they will stand with me and that I will protect every player on the park but must also punish the ones who stray.

"I am delighted to have Roy Pearson as one of my linesmen as he was out with me in the World Cup in the USA last Summer. He has lined to me twice this season and Bob Jeavons my other linesman was with me this season when we officiated on the Liverpool v Arsenal quarter-final of this competition last January.

"Wembley has its own special atmosphere. It is marvellous to be going back there again and I am really looking forward to the match."

Jim Parker is the fourth Official and will be the man to take over if injury or illness strikes down the referee during the match. He is a full time Administrative Officer to the Lancashire F.A. who had qualified in 1972 and reached the Football League middle in 1988, having come up through the Lancashire Counties and then North West Counties League. A humorous Lancastrian from Preston, he admits to being 48 "according to my birth certificate I am in my last season on the National List but if wanted to I will be more than willing to serve if I am given an

extension. This is my first Wembley trip and it's a delight to get there and I will enjoy every minute of it as I have done with the whole of my Refereeing career." Honours include three lines in the European Cup, one in the UEFA Cup and one in an Under 21 International.

Linesman Roy Pearson is from County Durham and started Refereeing in 1978 reaching the Football League line in 1989 and the FIFA line in 1993. Was England's only lining representative in the USA World Cup and is arguably the most experienced linesman in the country having lined on F.A. Cup Final and numerous European competitions and International matches.

Aged 39. His occupation is that of Electrical Engineer.

Linesman Bob Jeavons hails from the West Midlands he is 44 and a self-employed electrician who started refereeing in 1977. Came through the Midland Football Combination, and Southern League, both as linesman and referee. Has been on the Football League line for eight years and a panel referee for seven years. Now a National List linesman for both F.A. Premiership and Endsleigh Insurance League. This is his fourth visit to Wembley in three years having been on the line in the Division One Play-Off Finals in 1993 and 1994 and the F.A. Trophy in 1994. Has lined for both Under 21 International and UEFA Cup matches.

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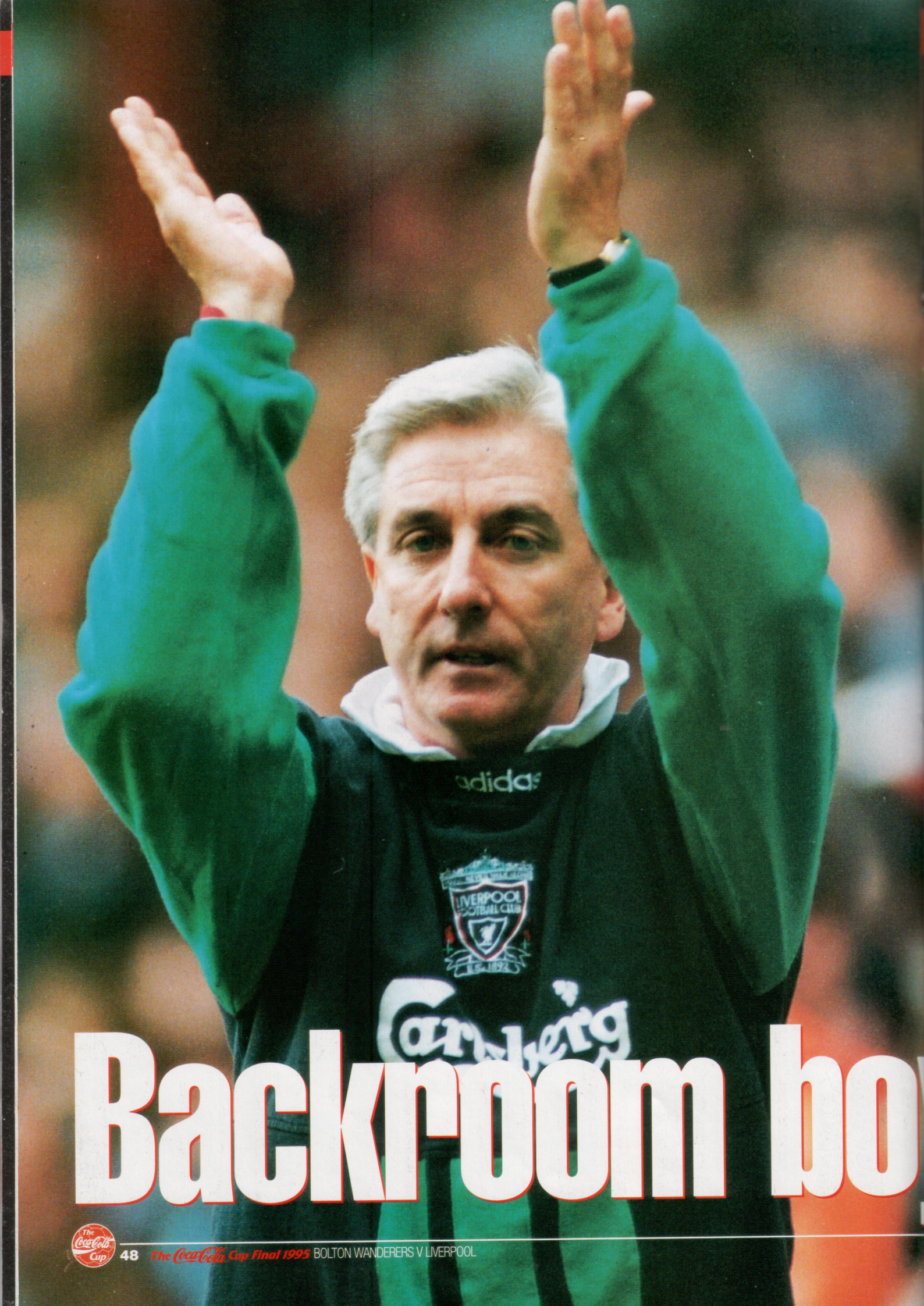
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From backroom boy to Liverpool manager. It is a story of dreams that have come true for Roy Evans, who will lead his Liverpool side out at Wembley today.

When he took over the reigns from Graeme Souness in January 1994, Liverpool had hit an all time low. The club which had dominated football in this country

desperate for a win today. I think that will be the way I think forever, until the day I die. I have Liverpool in my blood."

For Evans, today's walk onto the Wembley turf will be the culmination of nearly 18 months of hard work to breath new life into Liverpool.

As a fan, he stood on the Kop. As a player, he was a schoolboy international and a one club-man with Liverpool. Now he has led

vital for us," admitted Evans.

"It is always important for your strikers to be scoring the goals and we have been fortunate to unearth a real talent. A lot of lads look good when they are young, but they can struggle when they get into the first team.

"We have been lucky that Robbie and the others in the side like Steve McManaman have developed into top class performers.

"The way the transfer market is at the moment, with prices so high, it is important to bring a few good players through your ranks. We are up there with the best as far as the youth development system is concerned and hopefully we have a few youngsters coming through for the future.

"When I took over the manager's job here, there was not the turmoil many of the critics would have you believe. We had won the F.A. Cup under Graeme in 1992, but we did have a couple of indifferent years.

"But I am enjoying every minute of the challenge. It is a very rewarding job and when you put the effort in, you will get the rewards such as days at Wembley in cup finals.

"I just needed to put the enjoyment back into our game and instill the confidence that was missing. We have done that now and we are back on track.

"There is no team this season that has been too far ahead of us on general play, but we have lost games to some of the 'lesser' clubs, which has held back our championship ambitions.

"But we have a team that can contend for the championship and beat the best in the land. That is what we always want from a Liverpool side."

The Anfield trophy room has been bare for the last couple of years and the fact that their local rivals Manchester United have taken centre stage has made Liverpool's problems all the more alarming.

For the loyal Anfield hoards, today will be a chance to relive the glory days of the last 20 years and herald in a new era of success for one of the greatest names in European football.

Despite the lack of silverware, their attendances have still been amongst the highest in the top flight and with Anfield now fully developed into a magnificent stadium, the stage is set for Roy Evans to lead a championship charge once again.

Today will be a fitting tribute to the fans who expect success, but have remained patient throughout the last few years.

"It should be a great day out for the North West and the fans deserve it," continued Evans.

"Bolton have shown that they have every right to be there by beating the top sides in cup competitions over the past few seasons. It is not only us, but Arsenal, Aston Villa and Everton who have all been beaten. They are a side of Premiership class and will not be underrated.

"The players have given me 100 per-cent commitment this season and a cup final at Wembley is what they deserve. The fans the same. They have had a tough time travelling around the country to games that were postponed very late, like the semi-final at Palace, so they deserve this reward.

"I will enjoy it too, but only if we win. We have given ourselves a chance to win a major trophy and get into Europe. We have to make sure we take that chance.

"Just because we are Liverpool, it does not mean that we have a divine right to play in European competitions and win trophies.

"This season has gone well. We have been in with the chance of winning all the domestic honours until fairly late in the season, so it has been a good year. Now we have to finish off the good work and win some silverware."

Kevin Palmer



for the past 20 years had fallen in successive years at the first hurdle of the F.A. Cup to First Division opposition at Anfield.

Of course, one of those defeats came at the hands of today's opponents Bolton, but Evans is not one to seek vengeance this afternoon.

"I do not believe in revenge in football," said the 46-year-old boss who has moulded his team into championship contenders again this year.

"We will have no more desire to beat Bolton than we would any other team. The night they beat us at Anfield they deserved to win - they were the better side. But this is a cup final and if that does not fire you up nothing will. We will not need any extra incentive to win, other than the trophy up for grabs.

"I am basically still a Liverpool supporter and I am

the club to a record breaking League Cup final appearance and admits it has given him a big thrill.

"It will give me great pride to walk out at Wembley and I will be delighted for everyone at the club."

The Liverpool of 1992 is hardly recognisable to the model that will be on show at Wembley this afternoon. The youngsters have come through the ranks and the future looks bright.

And the key player in the Liverpool revival has been Robbie Fowler, the goal machine who will reach his 20th birthday next week.

It has always been a Liverpool tradition to blend the youngsters in the youth ranks with the big-money buys. This season has been no exception.

"Robbie has had an amazing season and his goals have been

Way to Manager

James's giant influence

When Liverpool goalkeeper David James steps out at Wembley today, it will be hard to believe he

once suffered a cup jinx.

Amazingly, James had never been on the winning side in any cup game before this season.

So he is still pinching himself that Liverpool have won all seven games in the 1994-95 Coca-Cola Cup. And he is aware that an eighth success will guarantee the return of European football to Anfield.

"I never won a game in either the F.A. Cup or Coca-Cola Cup with Watford. And that unhappy trend continued after I joined Liverpool," reveals 24-year-old James.

"It was a relief to say the least when we beat Burnley in this season's competition. The team hasn't looked back since then - and neither have I."

It is amazing what difference a year makes. This season James has received plenty of plaudits for match-winning performances against Stoke and Blackburn in the Coca-Cola Cup.

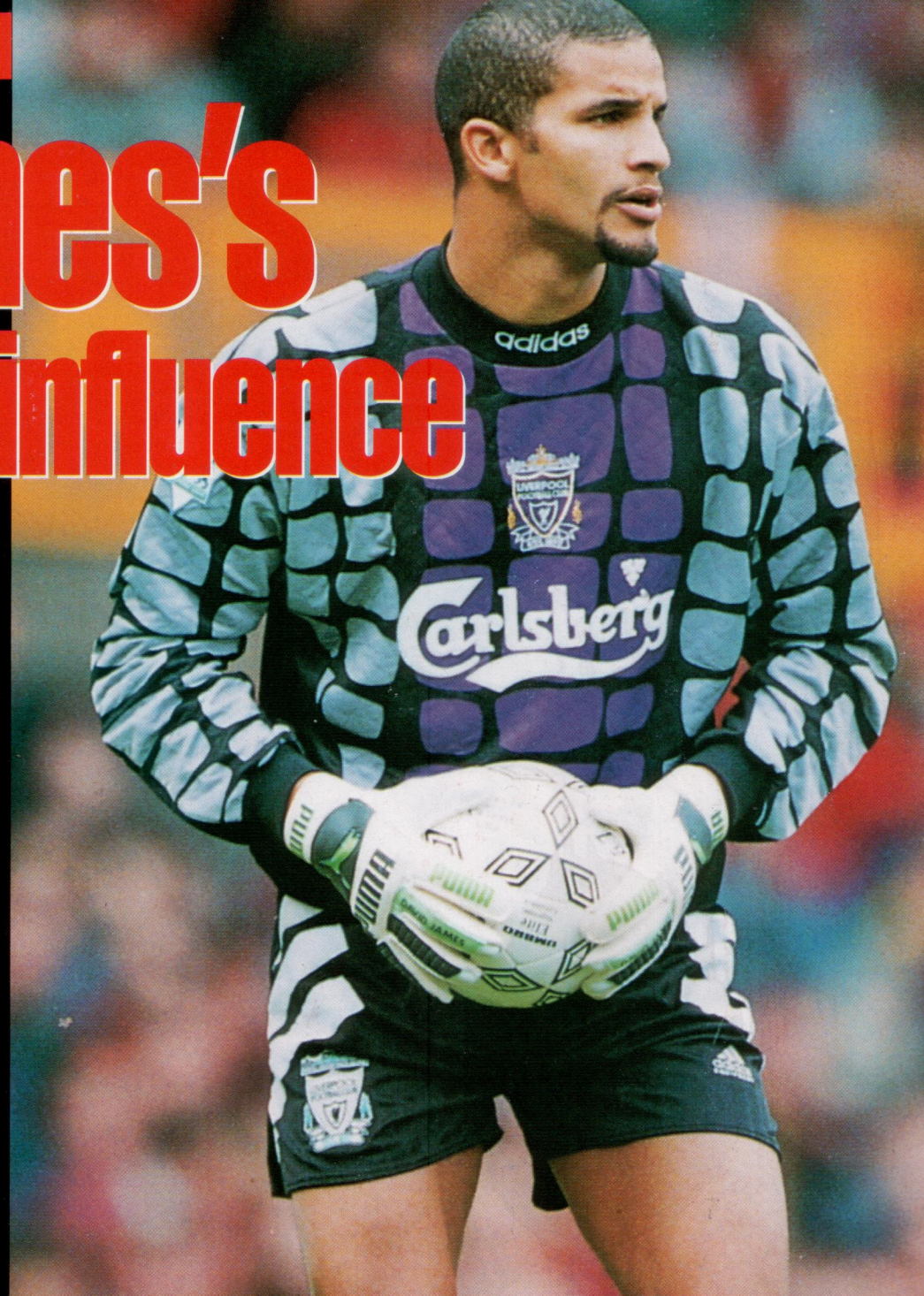
But but two seasons ago the competition nearly ended James' Anfield career before it had properly begun.

"We played at home to Chesterfield and I let in four against them," he recalls.

"Even though we got a draw out of the game, it was the lowest point of my career. I was dropped for the next match and I really thought my goose was cooked.

"My confidence was gone, which is terrible for a goalkeeper. Bruce Grobbelaar was at the club and I didn't really think I would get another chance."

Thankfully for James, who joined the Reds in 1992



for £1.25million, new manager Roy Evans has shown faith in him. In turn, James has responded with outstanding performances and more than 20 clean sheets.

Liverpool have always had a reliable last line of defence. And this season James has shown himself a true successor to legendary Anfield 'keepers Tommy Lawrence, Ray Clemence and Grobbelaar.

The thoughtful 'keeper says: "I'm glad I didn't have to leave Liverpool. This is a team being built for success.

"I want to be the number one here for many years to come. The club have a tradition of sticking with their goalkeepers and I don't want to give them any reason to get rid of me!

"The most important part of a

goalkeeper's game is consistency. A striker can play badly for 89 minutes and still end up a hero. A 'keeper can't afford to do that."

At 6ft 4ins, James is literally a giant influence on the new Liverpool. But the former Watford 'keeper hopes people will judge the 'new' Liverpool on its merits - and not constantly compare it with great Anfield teams from the past.

He says: "We want to win things and be congratulated for it in our own right. It is not fair to think any club can dominate the game as Liverpool used to. Times have changed. More clubs have big money to spend."

James, an all-round athlete who used to compete in the high jump at county level, isn't underestimating First Division

Bolton.

But he warns the Lancastrians that Liverpool have a score to settle with them.

"They knocked us out of the F.A. Cup when we were the holders and then beat us 5-2 in a pre-season friendly.

"We feel we have come a long way since then. There's no reason why we can't avenge those defeats against them in the right place - Wembley."

James' only previous big-match visit to Wembley was when he was substitute in the 1993 Charity Shield, which Liverpool lost 4-3 to Leeds.

"It gave me a buzz just being on the bench," he says. "I can't wait to experience the real thing."

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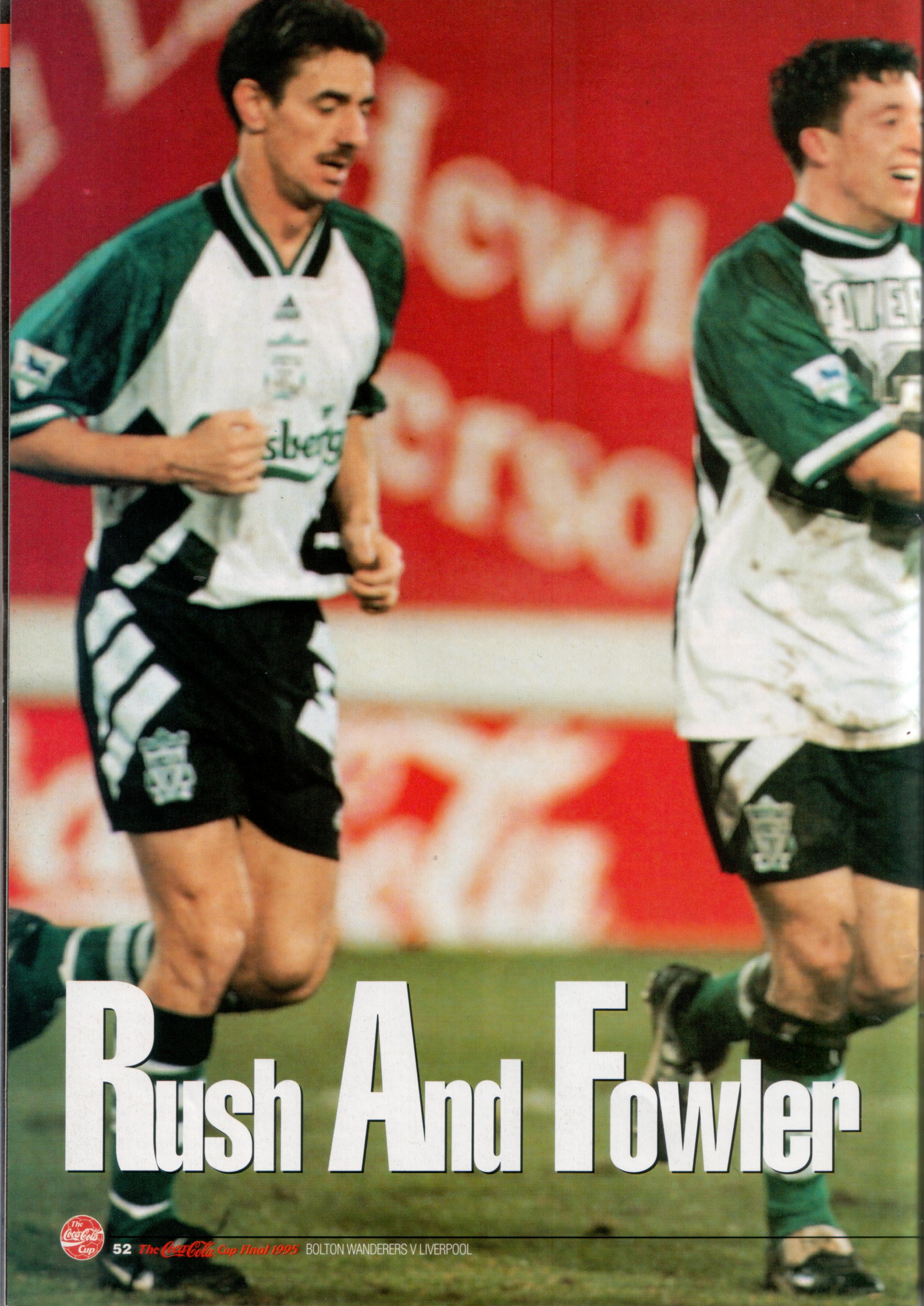
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Rush And Fowler



The pupil is in the perfect position to learn from the master. Liverpool's goalscoring king for the past decade has a challenger to his throne with 19-year-old Robbie Fowler outscoring the legendary Ian Rush this season.

With well over 20 goals to his name already, Fowler has rapidly developed into the hottest property in British football and emerged as the man that could lead Liverpool back to the glory days.

Alongside Rush, he has formed a fearsome partnership that is capable of striking down the best in the land. They have become known as the RAF.

Today, the RAF of Rush and Fowler, will be aiming to gun down Bolton to give a great finale to Rush's amazing career, and give Fowler his first major medal as a professional.

"I have been counting the days just waiting for this," admitted the Toxteth-born Fowler who was an Everton fan in his schooldays. "I have never played at Wembley before and just going to the place will be a big thrill. I would love it if I could score and end up with a winner's medal, but the win has got to be the most important thing."

For Fowler a trip to the twin towers is a whole new experience, but for Rush, who is currently only two short of Geoff Hurst's all-time League Cup goalscoring record, it's almost like going home.

As the top goalscorer in Liverpool's history, he has closed in on the all-time F.A. Cup goalscoring record and has continued to bang in the goals for Wales at international level.

And in Fowler, Rush believes that he has a partner who looks certain to take over his mantle when he hang-ups his goal-laden boots.

"Robbie has obviously done amazingly well, but he just has to keep going and not let his success go to his head," said the 33-year-old former Juventus star. "It is important to have players with experience who he can learn from and with this being his first game at Wembley, he has to keep his feet on the ground."

"I scored the first time I played at Wembley and it would be lovely for Robbie if he could emulate that feat."

"And he has every chance of

going to the very top. He cannot be too far away from the England reckoning with the amount of goals he scored this season, so he could be seeing a lot of Wembley over the next few years.

"He has had some experience in the Under-21 side which will be important because when he gets into the full squad he will realise that it is very different at international level than it is in the Premiership. Another problem may be that England have so many quality strikers at the moment."

"Football has a habit of bringing you up to the top and believing that you are the best and then knocking you back down to earth with a bump. We can all help Robbie to keep up his confidence and continue to bang in the goals."

"At that age you do not really feel the pressures quite as much, but you want to make sure that he does not get carried away."

Fowler has not even given thought to the possibility of an England call-up but, with Terry Venables willing to give the youngsters such as Nicky Barmby and Liverpool team-mate Steve McManaman their chance, Fowler could soon be in the running.

"At the moment I can only concentrate on Liverpool," he said. "I have never even thought about the chance of playing at full international level. If the chance comes my way it will. There is not a lot I can do about it."

While Fowler will be looking to carve his first piece of Wembley history this afternoon, as well as give a reminder to England boss Terry Venables, Rush's record under the Twin Towers is nothing short of remarkable.

Seven strikes in major cup finals, not to mention his contribution in Liverpool's numerous F.A. Charity Shield appearances in the the last few seasons, speaks volumes.

Could he become the all time highest League Cup goalscorer today? Rush is growing tired of constant talk about records.

"If it happens, it happens," he said. "It would be nice to break the record at Wembley, but to score two or three goals is possibly expecting too much."

"If I can keep my record of Wembley goals going and help Liverpool win the cup it will obviously be a big thrill. We have had a good year, but we need to

win a trophy and get back into Europe now. Until we do that, we can not claim to be back to our best."

"The place is special and once you have been there, you want to go back every year. For me, it could be my last Wembley appearance so I will want to make the most of it."

"Bolton will provide us with a real test and they have beaten us already this season in a pre-season game last summer. They also beat us in the F.A. Cup a couple of years ago and we cannot forget that. But we are playing well at Liverpool so hopefully it will be the first of many cup finals over the next few years."

If it is to be the first of many, Liverpool will need the RAF to keep firing on all cylinders for the next few years. Along with the other Anfield tots of Steve McManaman and Jamie Redknapp, Fowler represents the future of the most successful club in the English league over the last 20 years.

To follow in the footsteps of Ian Rush means Fowler has had one hard act to follow, but so far, he is taking everything in his stride and scoring goals at a similar rate to the man he admits is his hero.

"He was not my hero when I was a kid because I followed Everton, but now he is my hero," added Fowler.

"You would have to be some kind of super hero to expect to be on the scoresheet every time you go out on the field, so I cannot expect it to happen. I do not feel any extra pressure now that I have had a good year behind me."

"I have not surprised myself by scoring all these goals because I always knew that I had the ability to be up there at the highest level and scoring. I think other people are the ones that have been surprised, but not me."

"Representing your hometown club in a cup final will be the best thing in my career so far and whether it is Liverpool or Everton does not really matter. It should just be a great day for everyone."

"Bolton will give us a real test and they have proved they can beat the best in the cup runs over the last few years. The players who were here at the time will not need any reminding that Liverpool were one of their victims just a couple of years ago."

Kevin Palmer

The Master and the Pupil
celebrate Fowler's goal against
Palace in the semi-final 2nd Leg

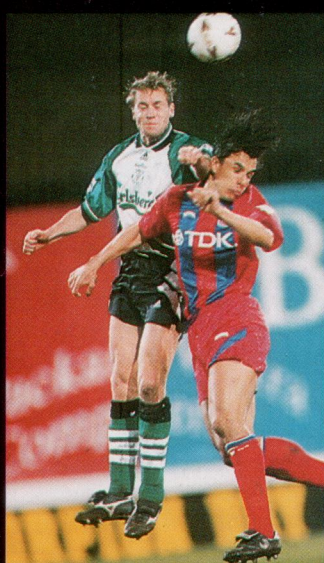
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Above: Steve McManaman causing problems for Palace defender Gareth Southgate



Left: Ian Rush pressures Darren Patterson during the 2nd leg



Above: John Scales head and shoulders above Chris Coleman

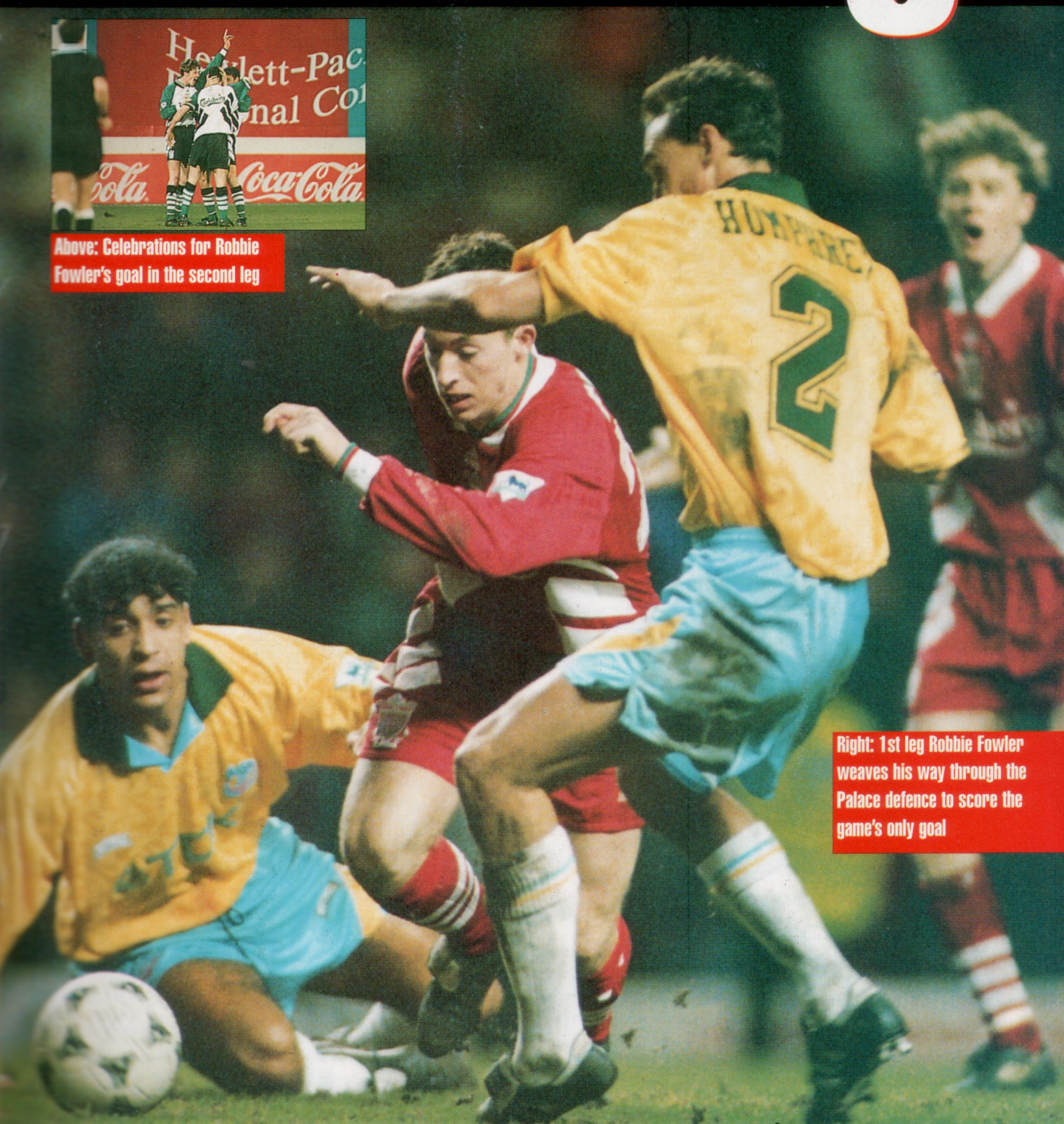
Left: Neil Ruddock pursued by Palace's David Preece in Liverpool's 1-0 win in the 1st leg



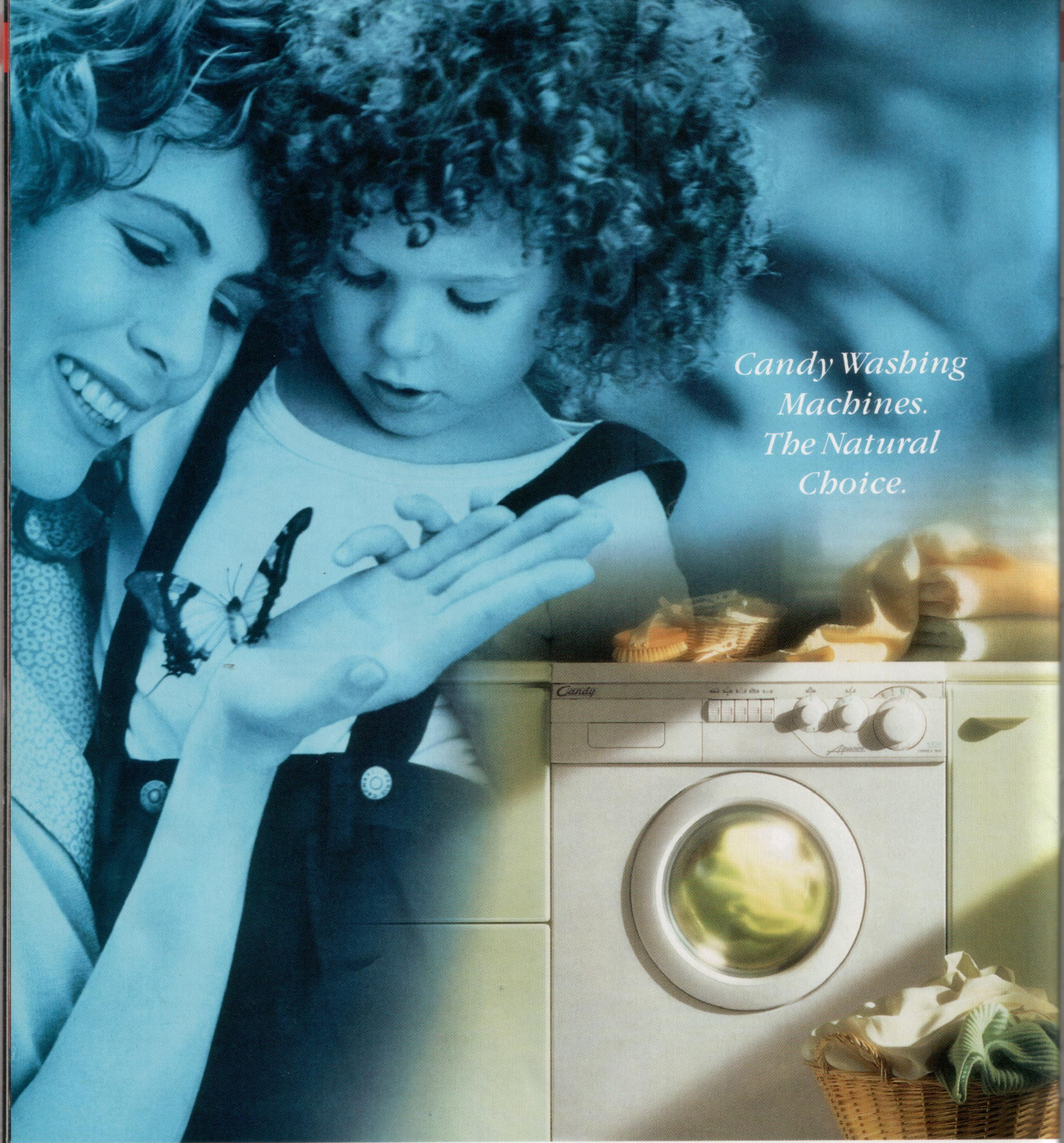
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Above: Celebrations for Robbie Fowler's goal in the second leg



Right: 1st leg Robbie Fowler weaves his way through the Palace defence to score the game's only goal



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Liverpool and The FA Cup.

The first visit of The Reds to Wembley came in the F.A. Cup Final of 1950 when they were defeated by Arsenal 2-0. Earlier that season Liverpool had managed to win both League matches against The Gunners and had finished the season in 8th position, two places behind Arsenal. The Liverpool team of the sixties managed just one visit to Wembley - on the 1st May 1965 to face Leeds United in the F.A. Cup. The match went to extra time following a goalless ninety minutes and in that extra thirty minutes Ian St John and Roger Hunt scored a goal apiece to take the Cup to Anfield. The defeat by Arsenal in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final had meant that The Gunners were able to achieve the "Double" despite Steve Heighway giving Liverpool the lead two minutes into extra time.

Steve Heighway again managed to find the net in Liverpool's next F.A. Cup Final appearance in 1974 against Newcastle United. Two goals from Kevin Keegan gave them an easy victory against the team from the North East and just six more points in the League would have given them the Championship ahead of Leeds United. The 1977 Cup Final against Manchester United was an exciting game with all three goals coming inside five minutes, Stuart Pearson and Jimmy Greenhoff in

the 50th and 55th minutes with a goal from Jimmy Case in the 52nd. They did however, have the consolation of winning the League Championship a few weeks previously. Everton became Liverpool's next opponents in the F.A. Cup Final - 10th May 1986 with two goals from Ian Rush and another from Craig Johnston, Liverpool also won the League Championship and achieved "The Double". The 1988 Final against Wimbledon will always be regarded as the shock result of the eighties. Liverpool had won the Championship weeks earlier and surely were on course for another "Double", Wimbledon had other ideas and Lawrie Sanchez scored the only goal of the game in the 36th minute.

Twelve months later Liverpool were back here to take on Everton and a couple of goals from Ian Rush and another from John Aldridge gave them a 3-2 victory in extra time. With two home matches remaining in the League, another "Double" looked on the cards - but who will ever forget that Friday night at Anfield against Arsenal when a last minute goal from Michael Thomas gave The Gunners a victory - and the title with it! Liverpool's last F.A. Cup Final appearance came in 1992 when Second Division Sunderland were the opponents and a goal in each half from Thomas and Rush gave Liverpool a comfortable 2-0 victory.

Liverpool and The League Cup.

The first of Liverpool's six League Cup Finals came in 1978 when they were defeated by Nottingham Forest at Old Trafford following a 0-0 draw here at Wembley, John Robertson scoring the game's only goal from the penalty spot. Three years later Liverpool beat West Ham United at

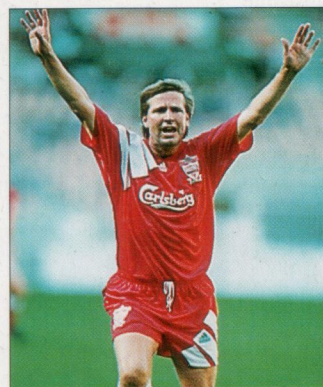
Villa Park after a 1-1 draw at Wembley with goals from Alan Kennedy and Ray Stewart (penalty). The 1982 final against Tottenham went to extra time and Liverpool were losing 1-0 with three minutes remaining before Ronnie Whelan equalised to send the game into extra time. Another strike from Whelan and a goal from Ian Rush was enough to give Liverpool victory 3-1 and they thus became the first team to defeat Tottenham at Wembley.

Twelve months later Liverpool were back here against Manchester United and again Liverpool were trailing 1-0 with just 15 minutes remaining. Alan Kennedy scored an equaliser and the game went to an extra thirty minutes - Ronnie Whelan scoring the decisive goal in the 98th minute. For the third year running Liverpool appeared in the Final of The League Cup competition and were up against Everton in March 1985. The score sheet remained blank here at Wembley and a replay was necessary at Maine Road, Manchester before 52,089. Graeme Souness slotted home after 21 minutes, the only goal of the game. Liverpool's last appearance in the League Cup Final came in April 1987 against Arsenal, although Ian Rush scored after 23 minutes it wasn't enough as Charlie Nicholas scored twice to ensure that The League Cup remained in the south of England.

LIVERPOOL AND THE CHARITY SHIELD.

The Charity Shield has been held at Wembley since 1974 and in those 21 matches Liverpool have featured in no less than 14! The first Shield match here in 1974 was against Leeds United and the game finished 1-1 with Phil Boersma scoring for Liverpool after 19 minutes. The destiny of the Shield was decided on penalties on this occasion and The Reds converted six to Leeds' five. John Toshack's goal after 50 minutes gave Liverpool victory over Southampton in the 1976 Shield match but twelve months later Liverpool and Manchester United had to share the shield - each team retaining this for six months - following a 0-0 draw. A comfortable win in 1979 over Arsenal with goals from McDermott (twice) and Dalglish gave Liverpool a 3-1 win and in 1980 Terry McDermott was again on target after 17 minutes to score the games only goal against West Ham.

Tottenham were defeated 1-0 by Liverpool in the 1982 match - Ian Rush finding the net after 32 minutes but twelve months later



Ronnie Whelan - two goals against Tottenham in the 1982 League Cup Final

Liverpool left Wembley empty handed as Manchester United won that particular tussle 2-0. In 1984 a full house of 100,000 saw Everton defeat Liverpool 1-0 but two years later in 1986 both Liverpool and Everton retained the shield for six months after Ian Rush equalised in the 87th minute. John Aldridge was on hand to score twice in the 1988 Shield match against Wimbledon in the 2-1 victory and in 1989 Peter Beardsley made sure the shield would accompany the team back up the motorway when his goal was enough to give Liverpool victory over Arsenal 1-0.

Just over 66,000 were here in 1990 to see Manchester United take a first half lead through Clayton Blackmore - only for John Barnes to equalise from the penalty spot and once again each team held onto the shield for six months. Liverpool's last appearance in a Shield match was back in 1992 when they faced Leeds United, that match was regarded by many as the most thrilling Charity Shield match ever. Eric Cantona scored a hat-trick, while for Liverpool Ian Rush, Dean Saunders and Mark Wright each added their name to the score sheet, but it was not enough and Leeds ran out winners 4-3.

The European Final.

With 92,000 packed into Wembley for the 1978 European Cup Final, Liverpool were the strongest favourites for years. There was little in the game that was memorable - but the decisive goal came in the 65th minute from Kenny Dalglish - his 30th goal of the season, thus Liverpool became the first British club to win the European Cup twice.

In the last ten years Liverpool have played a total of ten games here - nobody would bet that they would not make at least another ten appearances here over the next ten years!

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'Razor'

Neil Ruddock will make his first appearance in a major final this afternoon, desperate to make up for years of disappointment and near misses.

An F.A. Cup semi-final with Spurs in 1993, and a quarter final with Southampton the year before, were the closest 'Razor' came to Wembley before today's clash with Bolton. And he is relishing the chance to win his first honour in the game.

"It would be great to pick up the medal, but we know that it is going to be a tough game," said the 26-year-old powerhouse defender who made his England debut here back in November.

"They knocked us out of the cup a couple of seasons ago, so if we need any reminding that they are dangerous, we just need to look back to that night.

"So far my Wembley record is not too impressive, so I will be desperate to improve that. I went to Wembley with Southampton and lost the ZDS cup final and then lost an F.A. Cup semi-final with Spurs there.

"But I did manage to get a win under my belt against Nigeria on my England debut, which was a great experience. Hopefully I will be on the winning side again against Bolton."

Ruddock joined Liverpool in the summer of 1993, amid the confusion and controversy that surrounded Tottenham at that time. And he has settled into the Anfield back line easily despite competition from million pound buys earlier in the season.

When Phil Babb and John Scales arrived for a combined fee approaching £7 million,

the pressure was on the 6'2" Wandsworth-born hardman. But he has not panicked and, in fact, has improved as the season has gone on to become one of the top defenders in the Premiership.

His ability on the ball is now gaining the plaudits that it deserves. Ruddock's passing is top class and his skill and judgement have been called upon in attack by Roy Evans when his side were in trouble. All of this highlights his development from the raw youngster Terry Venables sold from Tottenham in 1988.

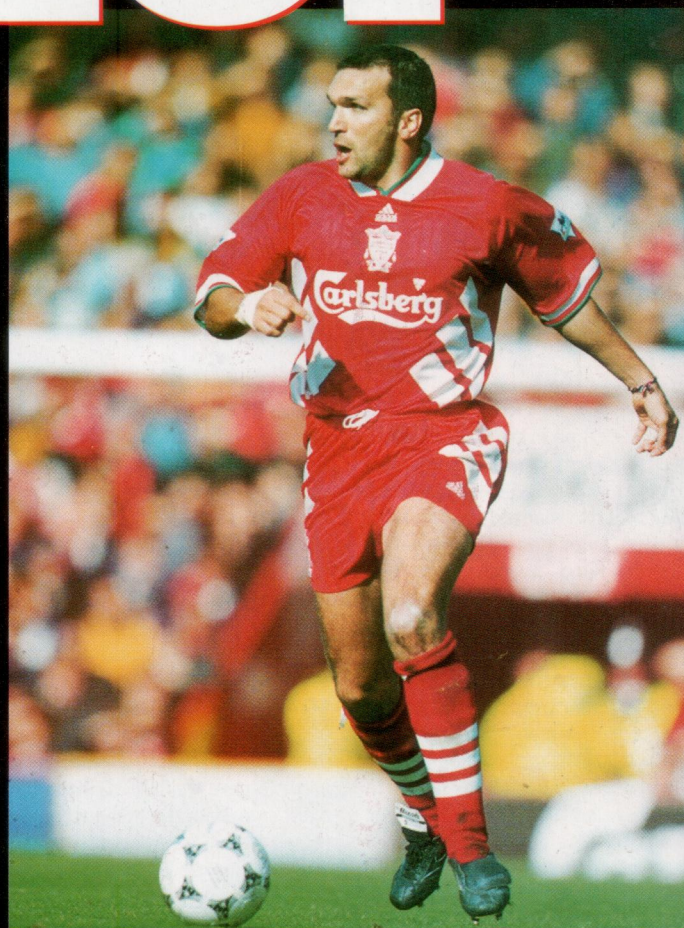
Confirmation of that fact duly arrived in the 1-0 win England enjoyed at Wembley against Nigeria last November. Ruddock gave a typically committed performance alongside fellow new boy Steve Howey and he hopes that it was the first of many international caps.

"Hopefully it will not be my last," continued Ruddock. "Playing for Liverpool means that you will always have a chance of breaking into the England team and we had quite a few players in the squad for that Nigeria game.

"Phil Babb and John Scales have fitted into the back three formation very well and it seems to have clicked since day one.

"But we have been playing well as a team all season. We seem to have got things sewn up quite well at the back with David James having an outstanding season in goal and the front men are banging in the goals.

"Obviously Robbie Fowler has had a magnificent season and his goals have been a big help. People forget that he is still only 19 years-old, so who knows what he can achieve in the future. The comparisons with Ian Rush are bound to be there and Robbie has a great man to learn from up front



at Liverpool.

"On paper we had a good team at the start of the year so it has not come as a major surprise to us. We have proved a few of the critics wrong and we have had success on all fronts. I am sure there are a few teams that would like to be in our position now."

So Ruddock and Liverpool are in fighting mood for today's cup final and hopes are high that a return to the glory days are not far away for the Reds. He admits that one of the reasons he went to Anfield was to appear in cup finals and win medals. It may have taken a couple of years, but the first of his targets could be

achieved today.

"The pressure will always be on Liverpool to win trophies because of the history we have at the club," added 'Razor'. "We have done well this season, but we have to make sure that we are not one season wonders.

"We need to build on our successes of this year. The fans would expect nothing else. At one stage in the 1980's, Wembley was almost Liverpool's home ground they were there so often.

"The fans will love going back to Wembley after a few years away and we have to make sure we do not let them down."

Kevin Palmer





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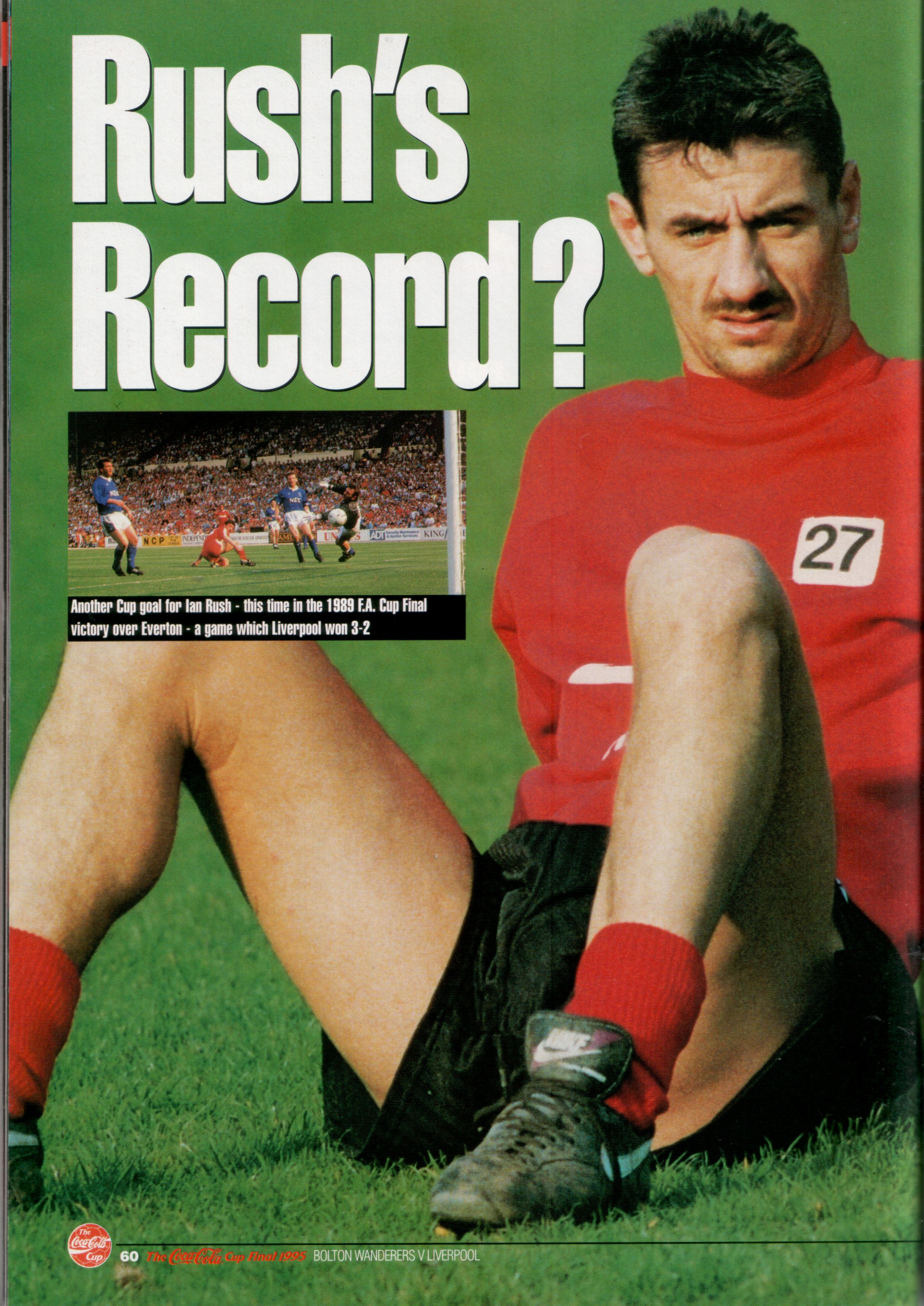


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Rush's Record?



Another Cup goal for Ian Rush - this time in the 1989 F.A. Cup Final victory over Everton - a game which Liverpool won 3-2



Ian Rush of Liverpool goes into today's Coca-Cola Cup Final seeking a remarkable double record.

The highest number of goals scored by one man in the League Cup, under its various titles, is 49 by Geoff Hurst - 43 for West Ham and six for Stoke. Rush needs two goals to equal Hurst's figure, and if he gets them against Bolton he will also become the highest scorer in League Cup Finals. He scored in the Milk Cup Final of 1982 and the Littlewoods Cup Final of 1987, and two more today would take him past the individual record of three, by Clive Clark of West Bromwich and by Ronnie Whelan, formerly a clubmate of Rush at Anfield.

In addition to scoring more than 200 League goals for the club, Rush had scored in 70 cup-ties for Liverpool, in five competitions, when the club qualified for today's final, and he had been on the losing side only three times after he had scored - once in a League Cup Final, once in an F.A. Cup semi-final and once in a European quarter-final.

Liverpool had won 57 and drawn 10 of those 70 matches, and his total of 105 goals comprised 52 at home, 43 away and 10 on neutral grounds.

Rush also holds the record for F.A. Cup Finals goals, with five in three winning appearances, and now aims to complete the double by becoming top League Cup Final scorer as well.

David Prole

THE IAN RUSH CUP GOAL TALLY

Key: FAC = F.A. Cup, LC = League Cup, ECC = European Champions Cup, CWC = Cup Winners Cup, UEFAC = UEFA Cup Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, quarter-final, semi-final, final. R = Replay, H = home, A = away, N = neutral

1981 - 1982

	Venue	Result	Score	No. Goals
ECC1 Oulun Palloseura	H	W	7-0	1
LC2 Exeter	H	W	5-0	2
LC2 Exeter	A	W	6-0	2
ECC2 AZ67 Alkmaar	H	W	3-2	1
LC3 Middlesbrough	H	W	4-1	1
FAC3 Swansea	A	W	4-0	2
FAC4 Sunderland	A	W	3-0	1
LCSF Ipswich	A	W	2-0	1
LCSF Ipswich	H	D	2-2	1
LCF Spurs	N	W	3-1	1

1982 - 83

ECC1 Dundalk	A	W	4-1	1
LC2 Ipswich	A	W	2-1	2
FAC3 Blackburn	A	W	2-1	1
FAC4 Stoke	H	W	2-0	1
ECCQF Widzew Lodz	H	W	3-2	1

1983 - 84

LC2 Brentford	A	W	4-1	2
ECC2 Athletic Bilbao	A	W	1-0	1
LC3 Fulham	A	D	1-1	1
LC5 Birmingham	H	W	3-0	2
FAC3 Newcastle	H	W	4-0	2
LCQF Sheffield Wednesday	H	W	3-0	2
LCSF Walsall	A	W	2-0	1
ECCQF Benfica	H	W	1-0	1
ECCQF Benfica	A	W	4-1	1
ECCSF Dinamo Bucharest	A	W	2-1	2

1984 - 85

ECC2 Benfica	H	W	3-1	3
FAC3 Aston Villa	H	W	3-0	2
FAC4 Spurs	H	W	1-0	1
FAC5 York City	A	D	1-1	1
FAC6 Barnsley	A	W	4-0	3
ECCSF Panathinaikos	H	W	4-0	2

1985 - 86

LC2 Oldham	H	W	3-0	1
LC2 Oldham	A	W	5-2	1
LCQF Ipswich	H	W	3-0	1

FAC4 Chelsea	A	W	2-1	1
FAC6 Watford	A	W	2-1	1
FACSF Southampton	N	W	2-1	2
FACF Everton	N	W	3-1	2

1986 - 87

LC2 Fulham	H	W	10-0	2
LCQF Everton	A	W	1-0	1
LCF Arsenal	N	L	1-2	1

1988 - 89

LC2 Walsall	A	W	3-1	1
FAC4 Millwall	A	W	2-0	1
FACF Everton	N	W	3-2	2

1989 - 90

LC2 Wigan	H	W	5-2	2
FAC3 Swansea	H	W	8-0	3
FAC5 Southampton	H	W	3-0	1
FACQF QPR	A	D	2-2	1
FACSF Crystal Palace	N	L	3-4	1

1990-91

LC2 Crewe	H	W	5-1	2
LC2 Crewe	A	W	4-1	3
FAC3 Blackburn	H	W	3-0	1
FAC4 Brighton	H	D	2-2	2
FAC4 Brighton	A	W	3-2	1
FAC5 Everton	A	D	4-4	1

1991-92

LC2 Stoke	H	D	2-2	2
LC3 Port Vale	H	D	2-2	1
UEFAQF Genoa	H	L	1-2	1
FACF Sunderland	N	W	2-0	1

1992-93

CWC1 Apollon Limassol	H	W	6-1	4
CWC1 Apollon Limassol	A	W	2-1	1
LC2 Chesterfield	A	W	4-1	1
FAC3 Bolton	A	D	2-2	1

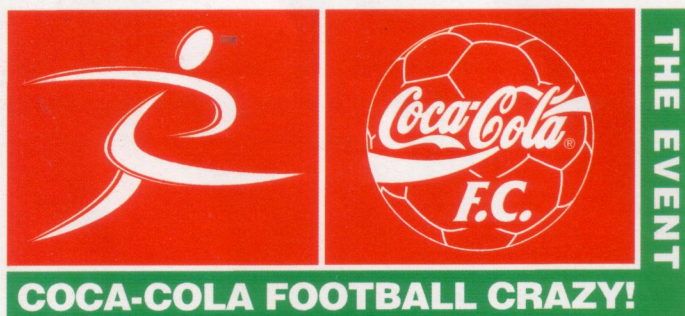
1993-94

LC2 Fulham	A	W	3-1	1
LC3 Ipswich	H	W	3-2	3
FAC3 Bristol City	A	D	1-1	1

1994-95

LC3 Stoke	H	W	2-1	2
LC4 Blackburn	A	W	3-1	3
LCQF Arsenal	H	W	1-0	1
FAC5 Wimbledon	A	W	2-0	1

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(Alexander Park)

Friday 28th July - 30th July
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Liverpool stats

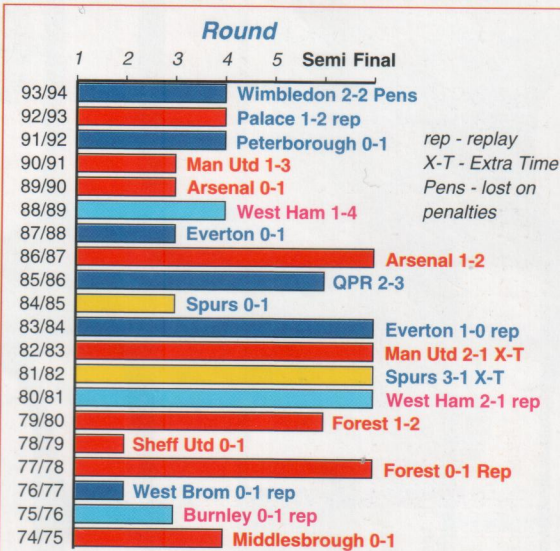
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Appearance Details

	League			Cup		
	A	G	C	A	G	C
Fowler	32	22	3	14	6	
James	32			14		
Ruddock	31	2	4	14	1(1)	
Bjornebye	30		4	11(1)	1	
McManaman	30	7	3	14		
Rush	29	8		13	7	1
Barnes	28	6		11	2	
Jones R	28		4	14(1)	3	
Scales	27	2	3	13	1	2
Redknapp	26(5)	2	3	13	2	
Babb	26(1)		2(1)	12		2
Molby	12(2)	2		2		1
Thomas	8(7)		1	3(3)		
Walters	4(6)		1	3(2)		
Nicol	4			1		
Harkness	2					
Clough	1(3)			1	1	
Matteo	1(1)			1		
Wright	1					
Jones L	(1)					

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League Cup Record over the Last 20 Seasons

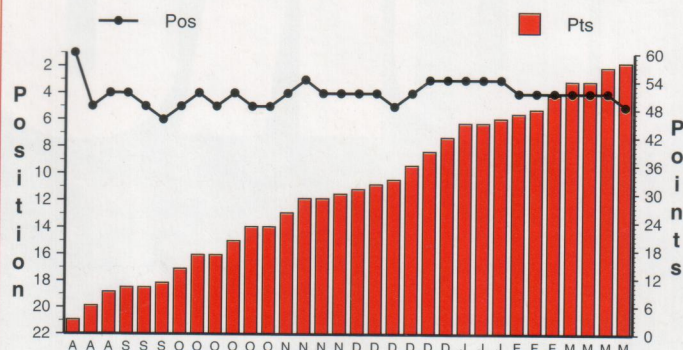
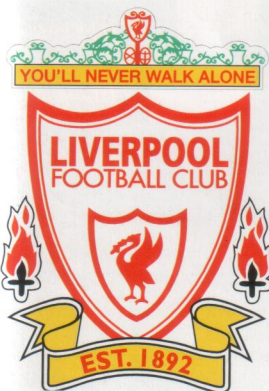


League Results so Far (most recent at Top)

Opposition	Venue	Rslt	Gate
Tottenham	White Hart Lane	0-0	31,988
Man Utd	Anfield	2-0	38,906
Coventry	Anfield	2-3	27,183
Newcastle	Anfield	2-0	39,300
Sheff Wed	Hillsborough	2-1	31,964
QPR	Anfield	1-1	35,996
Forest	The City Ground	1-1	25,418
Everton	Anfield	0-0	39,505
Ipswich	Anfield	0-1	32,733
Norwich	Anfield	4-0	34,709
Leeds	Elland Road	2-0	38,563
Man City	Anfield	2-0	38,122
Leicester	Filbert Street	2-1	21,393
Chelsea	Stamford Bridge	0-0	27,050
Palace	Anfield	0-0	30,972
Coventry	Highfield Road	1-1	21,029
Tottenham	Anfield	1-1	35,007
Everton	Goodison Park	0-2	39,866
Chelsea	Anfield	3-1	32,855
Forest	Anfield	1-0	33,329
QPR	Loftus Road	1-2	18,295
Ipswich	Portman Road	3-1	22,513
Wimbledon	Anfield	3-0	31,139
Blackburn	Ewood Park	2-3	30,263
Villa	Anfield	3-2	32,158
Sheff Wed	Anfield	4-1	31,493
Newcastle	St. James' Park	1-1	34,435
Man Utd	Old Trafford	0-2	43,740
West Ham	Anfield	0-0	30,907
Southampton	The Dell	2-0	15,190
Arsenal	Anfield	3-0	30,017
Palace	Selhurst Park	6-1	18,084

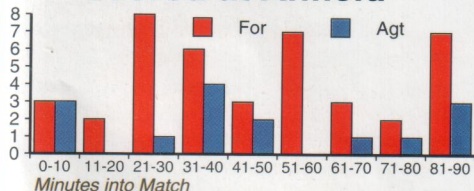
The Road to Wembley

Opposition	Venue	Rslt	Gate
Palace	Selhurst Park	1-0	18,224
Palace	Anfield	1-0	25,480
Arsenal	Anfield	1-0	35,026
Blackburn	Ewood Park	3-1	30,115
Stoke City	Anfield	2-1	32,060
Burnley	Turf Moor	4-1	19,032
Burnley	Anfield	2-0	23,359

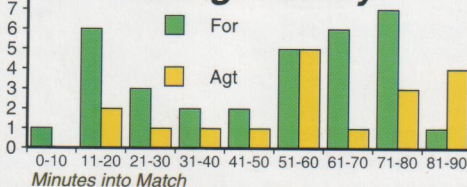


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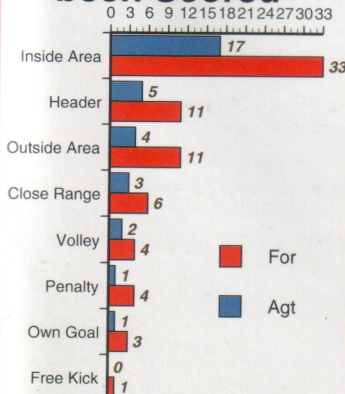
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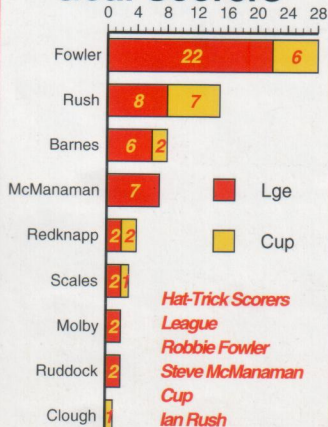
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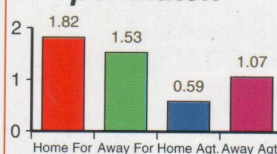


Goal Scorers

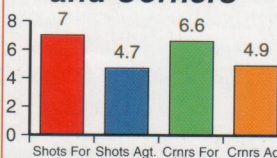


Hat-Trick Scorers
League
 Robbie Fowler
 Steve McManaman
Cup
 Ian Rush

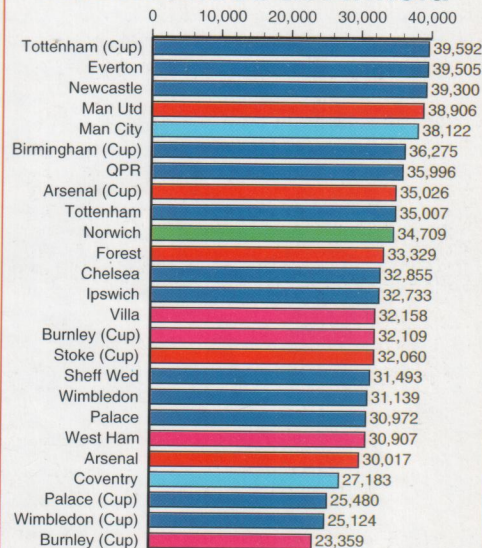
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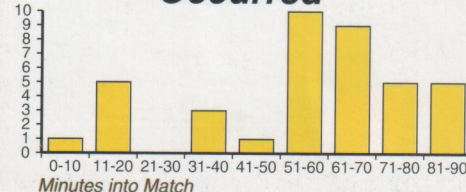
.. and Shots and Corners



Attendances at Anfield



When Bookings have Occurred



All League statistics cover matches up to, and including, 22nd March

It's not Cricket!

Lancashire's cricketers today have their minds focussed on pre-season training in Portugal and dreams of winning trophies in the coming months. All that is, except their skipper.

Bolton fanatic Mike 'Winker' Watkinson could not believe his ears when he was told April 2 was the day he was to take his talented team off to warmer climes to prepare for next season which starts in earnest at the end of the month.

Watkinson, 33, in his second year as captain of the Red Rose county after taking over from Neil Fairbrother, has been pleading with his employers for the past month to let him catch a later flight to Portugal so he can be here today to cheer on Wanderers.

He was born in Westhoughton, just to the west of Bolton, which is only six miles away from the birthplace of one of his toughest rivals on the county cricket circuit - a man who has more than a passing interest in today's events.

England fast bowler Angus Fraser, born in Billinge near Wigan, is as fanatical about Liverpool as Watkinson is about Bruce Riach's men.

Fraser's county Middlesex are also heading for the same sports complex in Portugal as Lancashire, but travel a few days later. The two tours do overlap, though, so Fraser and Watkinson will have time to exchange views about the result of today's clash.

To make matters worse for Fraser, who needs just one more victim to reach 100 Test wickets, his father Don is a Bolton supporter. Add to that the fact that his girlfriend Denise is a Manchester United follower, and you have a potent cocktail of footballing rivalry in the Fraser family.

The Wembley Programme caught up with these two footballing cricketers to find out what they think about today's Coca-Cola Cup Finalists.

What made you start supporting your team?

Angus Fraser: I followed football from an early age without supporting anyone in particular. We moved down south when I was two and there was only Watford near us. It was really the combination of the north west connection and seeing Liverpool beat Newcastle in the 1974 F.A. Cup Final when I was nine that set me off.

Mike Watkinson: Being brought up in Bolton, there was only one team to watch if you liked football. There was no thought of following one of the Manchester clubs - it's all about supporting your local team. I played a lot of sport at weekends so I didn't go to Burnden much until I was into my teens when I went along with my Dad.

What are your first footballing memories?

AF: I can remember all the goals from the '74 Cup Final and the first game I went to was with my cousin in 1980 at Anfield when Liverpool beat Spurs 2-1 in a League game.

MW: I can't remember the first game I went to but my first memories are from the mid-1970s when Frank Worthington and Willie Morgan were signed - there was a great buzz around the place at that time.

How much do you get to see your team with the overlap of cricket and football seasons?

AF: I was in Australia until February with England but by the time our season starts again I should have seen about ten

games home and away.

MW: For the last seven winters - before that I spent a couple of seasons playing club cricket in Australia - I've been to virtually all the home games when I've been around and a selected number of local away games. It seems that every other week people fighting over tickets for the next big game - it's been brilliant recently.

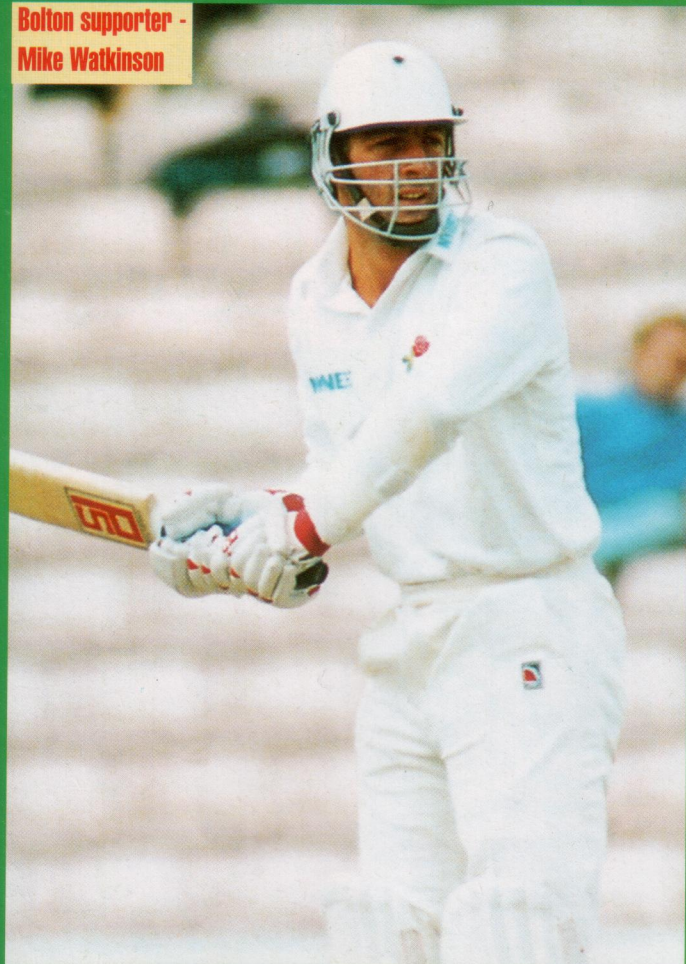
Have you made any friends at the club through your support?

AF: I've become more involved recently through getting to know the Liverpool secretary Peter Robinson, who is a big cricket fan. He took me down to the boot room at Anfield recently - it was such a thrill to talk to Roy Evans and Ronnie Moran. I was nervous as hell before meeting them. I've met John Barnes because he came to train with the England cricket team last summer and Darren Gough went to Liverpool. It should have been me but I was dropped for the Test match around that time but Liverpool have told me that I'd be welcome to go training with them any time.

MW: Over the years, I've got



**Bolton supporter -
Mike Watkinson**



to know most of the Bolton players and they're a great bunch of lads. I get the impression that Bruce Rioch has got a really good team spirit going there and that shows in the players' attitude. I probably know Mark Patterson best of all and I always have a chat to him after the game and hopefully congratulate him.

Does football banter form a big part of your own dressing-room discussions?

AF: At Middlesex, no-one is as fanatical about football as me although Mike Gatting supports Tottenham and Phil Tufnell used to watch Arsenal. There is more banter and ribbing in the England dressing-room with Mike Atherton (Manchester United) and Alec Stewart (Chelsea) both really into their football.

MW: Football is a very big deal at Lancashire and the dressing-room is basically split down the middle between Manchester United and City. Athers, Neil Fairbrother, John Crawley and Graham Lloyd are all United fans while Nick Speak, Stephen Titchard and Gary Yates support City. They all get involved in wagers about who will finish

higher in the League with one giving the other so many points head start. But, believe me, I blow the Bolton trumpet quite a lot.

Who are your favourite all-time players from your teams?

AF: From the early days, Kevin Keegan, Tommy Smith and Emlyn Hughes. Then later it was Kenny Dalglish. He's the best British footballer I have seen. He didn't need pace because he always made an extra half a yard of room for himself.

MW: There are so many. It was amazing when Frank Worthington came to Burnden Park - he was special. Peter Reid and Sam Allardyce were great too. But overall, although I never saw him play, it has to be Nat Lofthouse because he's such a smashing fellow and makes everyone feel so welcome at the club.

What's your most memorable moment as a football supporter?

AF: The 3-3 draw against Manchester United at Anfield last season is one of the most intense atmospheres I've ever

Liverpool fan - Angus Fraser



experienced at a football ground. In terms of trophy wins, the 1983 Milk Cup Final when we beat United 2-1 was great - it's always good to beat them.

MW: May, 8, 1993 - we won promotion to the First Division by beating Preston 1-0 at Burnden. I was playing at Old Trafford and I managed to listen to the last 15 minutes of the game on a tiny trannie in the dressing-room steward's cubby hole. It was brilliant even though no-one else was the slightest bit interested.

And the worst memory?

AF: Losing to Arsenal after endless replays in the F.A. Cup semi in 1980 was terribly disappointing. I wasn't at Heysel or Hillsborough but I remember coming off the field of a second XI match to watch the European Cup Final in 1985 and being totally stunned as it became apparent what was happening. I drove home that night in a state of total shock. I was playing at Lord's on the day of Hillsborough and it was only after the day's play that we realised the full extent of it. But the reaction in Liverpool to that was awesome with all the flowers on the Kop - amazing.

MW: The play-off defeat against Tranmere at Wembley in 1991 was a bad one. Lancashire were playing Sussex at Old Trafford and we were fielding all day so I kept getting the odd rumour about the score and you never know whether it's true or not. Then I've come off the field and realised that the whole season's hard work has gone down the drain.

Finally, what is going to happen in today's game?

AF: I'm sure Liverpool will win because they have a great defence this season and they are tough to score against. At the other end, John Barnes is the match-winner. He is the man who can thread those passes for Fowler and Rush to run onto.

MW: Bolton have got a great chance because we like teams that come at us and give us a bit of leeway to attack. It's better than playing teams when you're on a hiding to nothing. David Lee is such a good big-match player and his turn of pace can hurt any team.

John Stern

The Wembley Story 1942

England met Scotland at Wembley in January and October and the third match at The Stadium took place at the end of May between Brentford and Portsmouth in the final of the London Cup.

On January 17th in front of 64,000, England were looking for their third consecutive victory over the 'old enemy'. Mercer and Gosling, who had played brilliantly against Scotland just three months earlier, were kept out of the side by service calls but Willingham and Welsh proved to be effective replacements. James Hagan struck the first blow for England with the game barely a minute old, this following a run which had seen him sweep past James Dykes and Andrew Beattie. Before half-time England had increased their lead to three with both goals coming from Tommy Lawton, his first a low shot and the second a high-speed

header following a corner from Stan Matthews. England were never in danger and already looking forward to a meeting with Scotland at Hampden Park in April - a match that finished 5-4 to Scotland.

The London Cup Final on 30th May 1942 had favourites Portsmouth against Brentford which was played before 71,500 paying receipts of £15,500. Leslie Smith opened the scoring for Brentford after twelve minutes after Portsmouth defenders Phillip Rookes and James Guthrie collided with each other. In the final minute of the first half Jackie Jackson the Brentford keeper saved a penalty after Guthrie, the Pompey captain. Despite the constant attacks from the Portsmouth forwards they could not find an equaliser and the Brentford player McKenzie found the net - only to see the referee disallow the goal. In the very last minute Smith increased the London team's lead to two goals



Above: Huddersfield Town's and England Right-back Ken Willingham



England 3 Scotland 0 Jan 17th 1942 at Wembley

England: Marks (Arsenal), Bacuzzi (Fulham), Hapgood (Arsenal), Willingham (Huddersfield), Cullis (Wolves), Welsh (Charlton), Matthews (Stoke City), Mannion (Middlesbrough), Lawton (Everton), Hagan (Sheffield United), Compton D (Arsenal).

Scotland: Dawson (Rangers), Carabine (Third Lanark), Beattie (Preston North End), Shankly (Preston North End), Dykes (Hearts), Busby (Liverpool), Cashie (Everton), Walker (Hearts), Gillick (Everton), Black (Hearts), Johnston (Rangers).

England 0 Scotland 0 Oct 10th 1942 at Wembley

England: Marks (Arsenal), Bacuzzi (Fulham), Hapgood (Arsenal), Britton (Everton), Cullis (Wolves), Mercer (Everton), Matthews (Stoke City), M Edelston (Reading), Lawton (Everton), Hagan (Sheffield United), Compton D (Arsenal).

Scotland: Dawson (Rangers), Carabine (Third Lanark), Beattie (Preston North End), Shankly (Preston North End), Corbett (Celtic), Busby (Liverpool), Waddell (Rangers), Walker (Hearts), Dodds (Blackpool), Bremner (Arsenal), Liddell (Liverpool).

Left: Tommy Lawton of Everton who scored two of England's three goals against Scotland here in January 1942

thus ensuring the London Cup remained in London. The format of the London Cup was straightforward - four groups of four with each team playing six matches. The group winners met in the semi-finals at Stamford Bridge (and in Brentford's case the replayed match at White Hart Lane).

The final match at Wembley this year came on October 10th between England and Scotland. The Daily Herald reported that 'Defences were completely on top on this least inspiring of the war-time internationals'. Although the match finished goalless, England did have the consolation of getting the ball into the net twice, before the referee ruled each 'goal' offside.

The Herald reporter added in his notes 'With Tommy Lawton and Dodds - two of the most dangerous centre-forwards of modern times - on either side, it seems incredible that no goals were scored'. Both the free -

scoring strikers were obscured by the brilliance of the opposing centre-halves - young Willie Corbett making an impressive debut for Scotland.

'Corbett was as good as Lawton at heading the ball and if only Lawton had received the ball on the ground a reasonable number of times one felt England would have got the goals' added The Herald. Even the menacing Stan Matthews was largely contained by left-flank defenders Andrew Beattie, the wingers arch rival, and left half Matt Busby.

The final words on this game must come from The Herald 'I doubt if either side would make more than one change if they were to meet again next Saturday' a final summing up of a forgettable match.

During 1943 Arsenal came to Wembley and hit Charlton for seven - while England found the net eight times against Wales.

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Odds & Ends



Clive Allen - a record 12 goals for Spurs in 1986-87

Geoff Hurst - 21 Cup goals in all competitions in 1965-66



George Eastham the League Cup Final's oldest goalscorer

■ The League Cup was first contested in 1960-61 season when entry was not compulsory, as it now is. Not until the final was moved to Wembley in 1967, instead of being home and away, did the tournament become widely popular. Several clubs did not take part in the early days, especially those with European commitments, and in 1962-63 only 80 of the 92 teams competed.

■ Aston Villa, who became the first winners of the new competition, had to play 12 games to do so, including three semi-finals against Burnley. The tournament took 11 months to play.

■ The fact that varying numbers of clubs did not think the League Cup worth the effort was reflected in odd numbers of matches, in order to keep an even number of clubs in successive rounds. In 1961-62, for example, two clubs had byes in the first round, one had a bye in the third, and no fewer than five had byes in the fifth, which consisted of only three ties.

■ The 1963 winners, Birmingham, avoided relegation by one point that season.

■ In 1966, when West Brom beat West Ham in a two-leg final, Geoff Hurst scored 11 of West Ham's 28 goals during the tournament, and Tony Brown 11 of West Brom's 27.

■ Wembley's first Final gave the competition its greatest lift. In addition to huge gate receipts, the game was a thriller, with Third Division Queens Park Rangers coming from two down to beat West Brom 3-2. Clive Clark, once of QPR scored both Albion's goals.

■ The 1969 Final provided the biggest upset of all. Arsenal, who had conceded only 23 goals in 40 League and Cup games before going to Wembley, lost 3-1 to Third Division Swindon.

■ Orient set a League Cup record in 1962-63

when beating Chester 9-2. But the Os - in their only season in Division One - scored a mere 37 League goals.

■ There have been 34 League Cup Finals, under various titles, and all but nine of them have been decided by margins of only a single goal. Eight have had a two-goal difference, and Norwich 4 Rochdale 0 in 1962 is still the record.

■ George Eastham of Stoke became the oldest scorer in a League Cup Final when he hit the winner against Chelsea in 1972. He was then 35 years and five months old. And that was his only goal of the season, too!

■ Four teenagers have appeared in League Cup Final teams for Aston Villa. Ralph Brown was 17 in the first final, in 1961, Lew Chatterley was 18 in 1963, Gordon Cowans was 18 in 1977, and Graham Fenton was 19 last season. Brown never played a League match for Villa.

■ Clive Allen holds the record for the most League Cup goals in one season - 12 for Spurs in 1986-87.

■ In the 1965-66 season Geoff Hurst scored a total of 21 goals in various Cup competitions. In addition to 11 in the League Cup, he scored four in the F.A. Cup, two in the European Cup-Winners' Cup, and four for England in the World Cup - including the first and only hat-trick in the final, here at Wembley.

■ Aldershot drew 0-0 away to Sheffield Wednesday in the first leg of their League Cup second round on 1989. Wednesday, who had scored only twice in their first 10 League games, won the second leg at Aldershot 8-0.

■ The biggest recovery in League Cup history happened in 1980, when Watford beat Southampton 7-1 after extra time in the second round, having lost the away leg 4-0.

David Prole



Matthews Milestones

- 1915** Born Hanley, Feb 1st, son of a barber and a boxer.
- 1929** Joins Stoke as an office boy at 14.
- 1932** Signs pro on 17th birthday. League debut 1 month later.
- 1934** First England cap at 19, scores in 4-0 win v Wales in Cardiff.
- 1937** Hat-trick for England v Czech.
- 1939-45** RAF service; 24 wartime caps for England.
- 1947** Moves from Stoke to Blackpool (£11,500).
- 1948** F.A. Cup runners-up medal (Blackpool 2 Man Utd 4) First Footballer of the Year
- 1951** F.A. Cup runners-up medal (Blackpool 0 Newcastle 2).
- 1953** "The Matthews Final": Blackpool 4, Bolton 3.
- 1956** First European Footballer of the Year.
- 1957** Wins 54th and final full cap (v Denmark, Copenhagen) at 42 oldest player capped by England.
- 1961** At 46, returns to Stoke from Blackpool (£2,500). At homecoming match, puts 30,000 on the gate.
- 1963** Stoke promoted to Division 1. At 48, oldest player to score in League football. Voted footballer of the year for second time.
- 1964** Oldest player to score in F.A. Cup (49).
- 1965** First player to be knighted. Aged 50 years and 5 days, plays 701st and final League game of career spanning 33 years. Becomes General Manager of Port Vale.
- 1968** Leaves Port Vale. Becomes "World Ambassador for Football" coaching youngsters in Soweto, South Africa, Malta and Canada.
- 1987** Life-size statue erected in Hanley. Receives PFA Merit Award.
- 1989** Returns home to the Potteries. Becomes President of Stoke City.
- 1992** FIFA honour him with "Gold Merit Award" for services to the game.
- 1995** 80th birthday banquet in Stoke. Guest of Honour at Coca-Cola Cup Final.

Sir Stanley

In today's pre-match presentation, he will shake the hands of the Bolton players. At Wembley 42 years ago, he had their forebears by the throat, torturing them from the right wing in the last quarter to snatch the F.A. Cup for Blackpool at 4-3 from 3-1 down.

A very special year was 1953. The Coronation; Everest conquered; Gordon Richards winning his first Derby; and Stanley Matthews at last collecting that elusive Cup-winner's medal.

A very special year, too, is 1995 for Sir Stanley. The Football Writers honoured him with a night to remember in January. Among the 700 attending the banquet in Stoke to mark his 80th birthday on 1st February was a galaxy of the greats of his time: Ferenc Puskas, Tom Finney, Wilf Mannion, Gordon Banks, Nat Lofthouse, Bobby Charlton and so many others.

And now Wembley

welcomes back one of its legends. With the same degree of humility that adorned his illustrious career, he still wonders what all the fuss is all about, just as he did at Wembley in '53.

He will never accept that that was the Matthews final, but he agrees it was a "Stanley Final: Stan Mortensen got a hat-trick didn't he!"

For those in today's audience who did not have the pleasure of watching the Wizard of Dribble at work, his objective was to go for the line, destroying a defender or three on the way, before crossing the ball for a Lawton, Lofthouse, a Mortensen to shoot or head home.

Stanley's secret? "If there was one," he says, "it was probably my change of pace. In training, I practiced 20 sprints a day over 50 yards."

The breathing exercises he did every morning may be scaled down a little, but Sir Stanley still does them regularly. And he remains a big fan: "I go to every match at

Stoke and watch a lot of Football on television. It has always been the finest game... I'm still in love with it."

Matthews started in Football as a pound a week office boy at Stoke. When he turned pro' at 17 for a £10 signing-on fee, his wage packet soared to £5 a week in the season, £3 a week in the Summer; plus £2 bonus for a win, £1 for a draw. The best money he ever earned was on his return to Stoke from Blackpool in 1961: £50 a week plus £25 appearance money.

Think on: Matthews was 38 when, at the third attempt at Wembley, he won his Cup-winners medal; 42 when he won the last of his 54 England caps; 50 when he played his final league game.

He was never booked, least of all sent off. And whenever he played in London, he would put 10,000 on the gate at Arsenal, Chelsea or Tottenham.

For eight years now, his statue, bronze and life-size, has stood in the centre of his hometown. The

inscription says it all: "Sir Stanley Matthews, CBE. Born Hanley, 1st February 1915. His name is symbolic of the beauty of the game, his fame timeless and international, his sportsmanship and modesty universally acclaimed. A magical player, of the people, for the people."

For Sir Stanley, the big surprise at his 80th birthday banquet was when the Football Association presented him with a replacement for his lost winner's medal. What happened to the original? "I've no idea. We'd moved around a lot - Johannesburg, Malta, Toronto - and about 25 years ago I realised it had gone. I'll take good care of the new one."

Perhaps the most nostalgic moment of all today will be when the President of Stoke City meets the President of Bolton Wanderers. Matthews and Lofthouse together at Wembley again. As they were in 1953.

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BOLTON WANDERERS



Wembley



FINAL	SEMI-FINAL	ROUND 5	ROUND 4	ROUND 3	ROUND 2	ROUND 1
			Blackburn Rovers 1	Blackburn Rovers 2	Blackburn Rovers 2 1	Shrewsbury Town 2 0
				Coventry City 0	Birmingham City 0 1	Birmingham City 1 2
		Liverpool 1		Liverpool 2	Wrexham 1 2	Doncaster Rovers 2 1
			Liverpool 3	Liverpool 2	Coventry City 2 3	Wrexham 4 1
				Stoke City 1	Burnley 0 1	Burnley 1 2
					Fulham 3 0	York City 0 2
		Liverpool 1 1			Stoke City 2 1	Luton Town 1 1**
				Oldham Athletic 0 0	Oxford United 1 0	Fulham 1 1
			Arsenal 2		Oldham Athletic 1 1	Fulham win 4-3 on penalties
				Arsenal 0 2		Oxford United 3 1
		Arsenal 0			Hartlepool 0 0	Peterborough U. 1 0
			Sheffield W. 0	Sheffield W. 1	Arsenal 5 2	Bury 2 1*
				Bradford City 1 1	Hartlepool United 0 5	Hartlepool United 0 5
				Southampton 0		Bradford City 2 2
					Huddersfield Town 0 0	Grimsby Town 1 1
				Wimbledon 0	Southampton 1 4	Scunthorpe United 2 0
						Hartlepool Town 1 3
			Crystal Palace 4	Torquay 0 0		Cardiff City 1 2
				Crystal Palace 1	Cardiff City 1 2	Torquay 0 4
		Crystal Palace 4		Lincoln City 1 0	Lincoln City 2 3	
			Aston Villa 1	Crystal Palace 0 3*	Chester City 0 2	
				Aston Villa 1	Crewe Alexandra 2 0	
				Wigan 0 0	Wigan 2 0	
				Middlesbrough 0		
					Scarborough 1 1	Hull City 2 0
					Middlesbrough 4 4	Scarborough 1 2
				Q.P.R. 3		
					Carlisle United 0 0	Rotherham United 1 1
			Manchester City 1 2		Q.P.R. 1 2	Carlisle United 0 3
				Manchester City 4		
					Barnet 1 1	Barnet 4 1
					Manchester City 0 4	Leyton Orient 0 1
		Manchester City 0				
				Newcastle United 2	Newcastle United 2 1	Darlington 2 0
					Barnsley 1 0	Barnsley 2 0
			Newcastle United 1 0			
				Manchester United 0	Port Vale 1 0	Bristol Rovers 1 1
					Manchester United 2 2	Port Vale 3 1

* After extra-time

** After penalties



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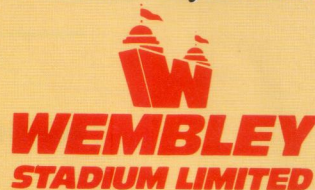
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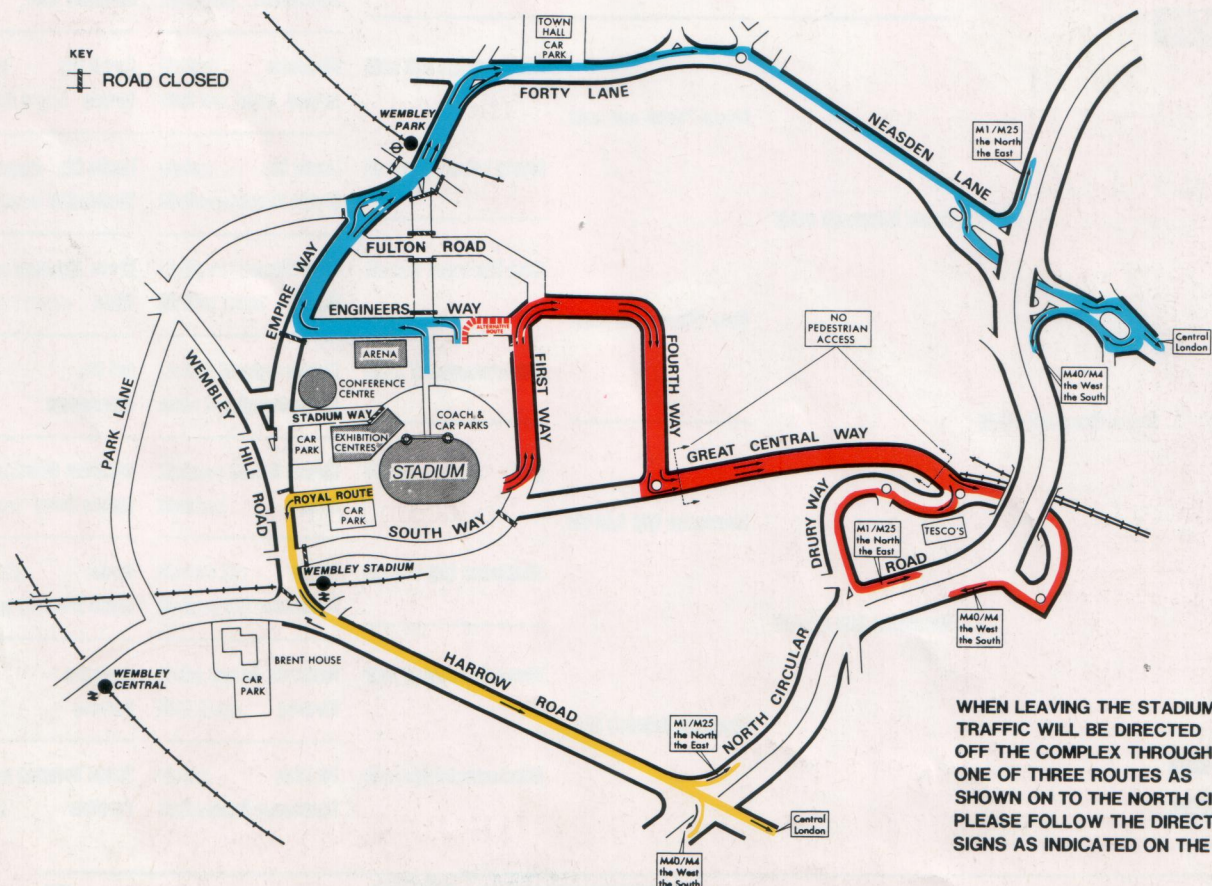
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